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As we rejoice in the miracle of Christmas, let us give thanks for the message of love, faith and hope that was discovered in a manger so long ago.

May a feeling of peace stay with you throughout the year, and may you and yours revel in a joyous holiday season.

Various legislation being asked for in Alberta

Strengthening Alberta's ground-breaking legislation to reduce child prostitution and formal recognition of Holocaust Memorial Day will highlight the Government of Alberta's legislative agenda for the fall sitting of the Legislature.

"Our government will be asking the Legislature to pass the Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Amendment Act 2000, which will help make a good law even better," Premier Ralph Klein said. "Alberta's tough law to protect children from the abuse of prostitution is working well, and government's goal is to do

whatever it takes to keep the law effective and responsive to children's needs.

"I also look forward to passage of the Holocaust Memorial Day-Yom ha'Shoah Act, which will officially recognize Yom ha'Shoah, the Day of the Holocaust, in Alberta," said the Premier. "This day, commemorated across the world annually, is a strong reminder of what the victims of the Holocaust suffered, and of the importance of protecting human rights."

Two other new bills will be brought forward this fall along with consideration of three bills carried over from the

spring, Government House Leader Dave Hancock confirmed. "In addition to finishing off business from last session, government will table new legislation to allow previously-announced new funding for government programs and a Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act," Hancock said.

The fall sitting is a continuation of the 4th Session of the 24th Legislature, which began in the spring of 2000.

New Government Legislation

1. Holocaust Memorial Day - Yom ha'Shoah Act (Community Development)

This act will recognize the Day of the Holocaust as a day of reflection. It will encourage Albertans to consider other instances of systemic violence, genocide, persecution, racism and hatred that happened in the past or continue today, and reaffirm their commitment to uphold human rights and to value the diversity of Alberta society.

2. Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Amendment Act 2000 (Children's Services)

This bill will respond to recommendations from police, social workers, and front-line service providers. It will ensure that children are protected and will enable them to receive additional assistance.

3. Appropriation (Supplementary Supply) Act 2000 (Treasury)

The bill provides for nearly \$1 billion of additional funding authority for the 2000-01 fiscal year, including over \$400 million for infrastructure initiatives and nearly \$300 million for Health and Wellness. All of this additional funding has been announced previously.

4. Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act 2000

Several minor changes to acts are currently being re-

viewed to be introduced under the bill.

Bills Carried Over from the Spring Sitting

1. Bill 3, Statute Revision Act (Justice)

This act will allow for the revision and consolidation of the Public Statutes of Alberta.

2. Bill 20, Justice Statutes Amendment Act 2000 (Justice)

This bill will provide amendments to the Alberta court system and improve access to the courts for Albertans.

3. Bill 22, Alberta Corporate Tax Amendment Act 2000 (Treasury)

This bill will incorporate previously announced changes to the Alberta Royalty Tax Credit, deal with interprovincial disposition of property and parallel changes to federal legislation.

Rollover crashes a concern

The rash of reports of rollovers recently underscores the need for more awareness around preventing these serious and often deadly collisions, says a spokesperson for the provincial traffic safety partnership, MISSION POSSIBLE. A 28-year-old man died recently when he was thrown from a pickup truck that rolled on a remote road near High Level.

"We're very concerned," says Don Szarko of MISSION POSSIBLE, "it seems rollover crashes are happening more frequently. That is a concern in the rural areas where there's a preponderance of pickup trucks and sport utility vehicles, which have a higher tendency to roll. Unfortunately, these vehicles feel deceptively sturdy, so people may drive them more aggressively."

Add to that highway speeds and it increases the risk of a serious collision."

RCMP say single vehicle rollover crashes in rural areas where people are ejected because of non-use of seatbelts are the most senseless. The problem is exacerbated by the fact that seatbelt wear rates are much lower in the country. Earlier this year, RCMP research disclosed that only seven out of ten rural drivers wear their seatbelts, compared to nine in ten urban drivers. Male pickup truck drivers are the worst offenders: only six in ten buckle up.

"From January to August 2000, there were 34 fatal collisions in rural Alberta," says Staff Sgt. Steve MacDonald, RCMP Traffic Services. "Not a single one of the victims wore a seatbelt. What does that tell you?"

"A seatbelt more than triples your chance of survival," Szarko says. "In a rollover crash, it's not safer to be thrown clear. In fact, three quarters of people

ejected from the vehicle are crushed by the vehicle or killed when their body strikes the ground, trees, poles, or other vehicles."

Preventing rollover crashes requires some understanding of why they happen, Szarko says, "a rollover can occur when a driver steers sharply, then overcorrects. Drivers should learn to use the ditch wisely. If you find yourself heading for the ditch, don't panic. It's safer to drive - not slide - into the ditch."

Rollover crashes and seatbelt usage are the focus of a major awareness campaign to be launched across the province on December 14 by MISSION

POSSIBLE partners, including RCMP, Allianz Canada, Ford Canada and the Alberta Trucking Industry Safety Association.

"It's important to understand that rollovers - and all collisions - are predictable and preventable," Szarko says.

MISSION POSSIBLE is a traffic safety partnership working to reduce the number and severity of collisions in Alberta. Partners include the Alberta Motor Association, municipal police services, RCMP, regional health authorities, Alberta Health, Alberta Infrastructure, Alberta Automobile Insurers Coalition, industry and concerned individuals across the province.

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Local developer has big plans for Didsbury

Professional building currently in the works - private lodge researched

By Nicole Smith

A new professional centre will soon be gracing the skyline of Didsbury.

Local developer, Wayne Poffenroth, has already begun construction on the centre, which is located across from the hospital on 20th Ave.

"It is the first building you see when you come into town, so we really want to do it right," he said.

Poffenroth, owner of CLT Homes, has named the centre Alfred Place, after his father.

Alfred Place is expected to boast several different services to Didsburians, including a chiropractic clinic, a doctor's office, a surveying company and the CLT Homes office and show home.

"We're trying to create a nice one-stop atmosphere," he said.

Poffenroth says that the show home will be a 2,600 sq. ft. walkout on the lower level of the building.

"It will have all the latest goodies," he said. "It will be like in-home shopping."

The building, which has been designed by local architectural firm Spectrum Design, should be opening in April 2001.

Poffenroth says that the majority of the work being done on the building is at the hands of local businesses.

"We're trying to use all he local talent and local business we can. About 80% of the material and labour is local," he said.

"Our intent is to keep the dollars in town."

Poffenroth says that community input so far about the building has been quite positive.

"People, I think, are quite excited about having a professional centre. We're trying to get as much as we can under one roof," Poffenroth said.

He says that there is still space available in the building, approximately 3,500 sq. ft. He is hoping to have those filled as soon as possible.

Poffenroth has purchased five acres of land where the new building will sit.

He says that the professional building is only just the beginning of what that land will be used for, as he is planning a private senior's lodge to be situated behind the centre.

"We want to create a nice privately run lodge. We think the professional centre will tie in nicely," said Poffenroth. "We think the professional building and the lodge will work hand in hand."

Currently, Poffenroth and his crew are researching the facility and hope to begin construction within the next year and a half.

He says that the lodge will offer different levels of care to its residents and that they will have the option to either buy or rent suites in it.

He says that the lodge will be a high-end type of facility that isn't government subsidized.

He is hoping to have a nursing staff within the proposed facility and be able to offer its residents luxury and comfort.



SANTA'S COMING TO TOWN

Just five more sleeps until Santa Claus rolls into Didsbury. For some lucky children, they got to meet up with the big man last Saturday afternoon, when hundreds of spectators came to watch the CPR Holiday Train drive through Didsbury.

Didsbury Magazine will hit the press soon

... and other town council notes

By Nicole Smith

Magazine madness

A promotional magazine about Didsbury is set to hit the presses sometime in the new year.

The 20-page, full color publication will feature advertisements from close to 60 local businesses, and a map of Didsbury in the middle.

This magazine will be used at trade shows and other such events to promote the Town of Didsbury.

"I think it's been a success," said CAO Evan Parliament. "We'll hope to see that in the new year."

Fence is fixed

After complaints were heard about a fence along 15th Ave a couple months ago, it has had repairs made to it and now everything is a-okay.

The fence, built by Gordie

Reimer, had to have six of its columns repaired, after an engineer's report was done on the fence.

According to Planning and Development Officer Robert Wigg, the fence is completely up to code.

"I believe we're up to date now with the engineer's request," Wigg said.

He also mentioned that the issue of aesthetics will be addressed in the spring.

Congrats to CAO

A presentation was made last Wednesday evening to CAO Evan Parliament.

Terry Hager, a representative for the Society of Local Government Managers of Alberta, presented Parliament with a certificate in recognition of his many years of schooling.

"This is not an easy process," Hager said of the education needed to become part of the

society.

The purpose of the society is to enhance and promote local government, as well as to ensure educational opportunities for its 150 members.

"I can't think of a more deserving individual," said Mayor Ray Lea of Parliament's award.

Date change

Council passed a motion to change the dates of their regular council meetings from every third Wednesday to the third Wednesday of every month. This way, council will meet once monthly.

This change will be effective January 2001.

This motion was carried unanimously.

New chair

The Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board has a new chair.

Effective immediately, Gerard

Fournier will act as chair of the board and Pauline Wigg will act as vice-chair.

Their terms end October of 2001.

Write offs

Brenda Hemming, Director of Corporate Services, brought a number of accounts to council's attention that needed to be written off as bad debts.

In the Accounts Receivables system there was \$10,308.05 to

be written off and in the Utilities system, \$7,700.80 was written off.

Some of these overdue accounts dated back to 1990.

This motion was carried unanimously.

3% increase

Effective Jan. 1, 2001, council has implemented a 3% Cost of Living Adjustment for Town of Didsbury employees.

Co-op update

The Olds Co-operative Board of Directors authorized the purchase of the land and just completed the feasibility study of the property improvements, equipment and building.

We are now going out to tender on establishing actual costs with an architect and general contractors.

These costs will be presented to our Board for final review, early in the new year.

We will provide additional updates as they become available.

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

Reason for the season



Nicole
SMITH

It's hard to believe that the Christmas season is upon us once again. It seems like just yesterday that I was getting back from my summer holidays. How time flies.

I'm sure that over the next few days the majority of us will be all a flutter with finishing our last minute shopping, wrapping gifts, trimming trees and cooking up a storm. All that comes with this festive time of year.

As well, a lot of us will be hitting the highways to travel away from Didsbury to spend time with our families in other parts of the world. My hope is that your travel will be safe and your time away enjoyable.

It seems to me like Christmas has really become a time of the year that we rush into, celebrate quickly and then miss once it's gone.

Whether it be rushing around the malls, fighting the angry mobs of other shoppers, to finish our lists or rushing out to buy the perfect Christmas tree with perfect decorations that will somehow make our holidays as fulfilling as they should be.

I think that maybe it's time to get back the basics and reflect on how all this spirit began. The birth of Jesus Christ is really what Christmas is all about, but over the years has somehow gotten lost amid all the wrapping paper, tinsel and garland.

This may sound kind of odd coming from me, a person who really hasn't accepted faith into her life for quite some time.

But, I've done some growing up over the years and have reflected on what is important in my life and why my life is as fulfilling as it is and always come back to the fact that I was brought up in a Christian home, with Christian values and morals.

So, now that Christmas is here again, I am reflecting more so on what it means to me. In my eyes, it is less a time for commercialism and more a time for celebrating what one man did during his lifetime, so that those who came after him could enjoy all the wonders that life has to offer.

After all, Jesus is the reason for this season.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and all the best of love and happiness in the new year. I hope that this yuletide season brings you everything that you hoped for and more.

Again, I say farewell to you all, as this is my last issue of the Review. I hope to see you all around town and it has truly been a pleasure serving such a wonderful community as this.

Merry Christmas and thank you.

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Did you know?

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By-law 99-17

As the new traffic by-law has some changes, one of them is that 20th Street is now **OFF** the truck route. This means that trucks are no longer allowed to use this street to drive through town or to park anywhere along the street. They must use 19th Street to either park or as a means of travel. The fine for driving a truck in contravention of this by-law is \$50.00.

Did you know?

Bylaw 99-17(7)

No person shall park an un-attached trailer of **ANY** type on any street within the Town limits of Didsbury. The fine for this is \$30.00

Bylaw 99-17(17)(m)

No person shall park in any alley except when stopped temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading. The fine for this is \$30.00.

Parking on the wrong side of the street is an offence under the Highway Traffic Act. This is considered to be "Improperly parallel parked on a highway." Under the H.T.A. section 111(1)(a) the fine is \$34.00.

Making a U-turn between intersections is an offence un-

der the Highway Traffic Act section 92(3). The fine for this offence is \$57.00. This includes when a person makes a U-turn to angle park or parallel park on the opposite side of the street.

When hauling garbage to the dump in a truck and/or trailer, the garbage has to be tied down or tarped over to prevent the garbage from falling out. The fine under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, section 170(2), "Improper transportation of waste on a highway" is \$115.00.

Did you know?

The Province of Alberta has, through the Highway Traffic Act, given municipalities the power to pass a bylaw allowing full-time and volunteer fire fighters to use flashing green lights in their vehicles as a means of identification. The Town has passed such a bylaw. So if you see a **flashing green** light coming up, please give the fire fighter room to get to the fire hall. You never know, it might just be your place the Fire Department is trying to get to!

**Ponderings of
the heart**

Blessings for the New Year

By Margaret Fradley

Many of us have expectations for the "New Year." Perhaps we will attempt new things, take on new projects, we sometimes even write out a list of resolutions to try to keep, but soon other unforeseen situations and factors crowd into our lives, they creep in and challenge our very endeavours.

Some folk look forward to the New Year with a sense of fear and trepidation. What will the New Year hold? Listening to the media, much of the news sounds bleak. However, only one year ago, there was tension and anxiety about entering into the new millennium. Workers were alerted and on hand to deal with any emergencies. Great precautions had been taken, but there was an air of anxiety. As we look back, none of these fears were realized and we sailed into the millennium.

New Year's can be a time of re-evaluating - a fresh start, with new opportunities as well as challenges. Yes, it can be somewhat fearful, but again, a year from now, in all likelihood we will look back and see that once again things have worked out for "good."

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Christmas 2000

By Wallace E. Brower

I'm so glad for the Christmas season,
For it gives us a special reason,
To give nice gifts to ones we love,
Inspired from our God above.

Who gave us all, a gift of Love,
When He sent Jesus from heaven above,
To live and die for all our sin,
Then banish it all, when He comes in.

When Christmas comes in the coldest days,
It warms our hearts in special ways,
The story and carols of Jesus birth,
Bring hope and comfort to us on earth.

There's always something for us to do,
Like skating, tobogganing, and hockey too,
And sleighrides for the young and old,
That come out now, in spite of cold.

So what really is this ageless reason,
For this wonderful special season?
It's all because our Savior was born,
On that star lit wintry morn.

In a stable old, so dark and drear,
With many animals hovering near,
All around they all watchful keep,
Horses, donkeys, goats and sheep.
Yes Mary and Joseph raised Jesus with care,
So we today his blessings can share.
So now in this 2000th year,
These truths and traditions we still hold dear.

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Did you know?

By-law 99-17

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Did you know?

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As we enter into a new century and a new term in office Dot & I would like to thank the people of Wild Rose for their support.

It is a good time to give thanks for so many things & to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

May this season be especially joyful for you & your family. May you receive the gift of all gifts, health & happiness.

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Myron & Dot Thompson



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Gordie Reimer & Staff

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May the love of Jesus Christ enter your heart and be with you through the New Year.

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OPINIONS EDITORIAL

Memo to Jean Chretien: don't go there, just don't

By Walter Robinson, Federal Director, Canadian Taxpayers Federation

With word from Ottawa that the Prime Minister in his continuing search for a "legacy" is considering the idea of a cradle-to-grave income security program (read: guaranteed annual income - GAI) one is left to pose the obvious question: Who has the hidden agenda now?

Throughout the recent election it seems that most Liberal candidates and strategists were mandated to publicly mutter the word "hidden agenda" at least 30 times a day when assessing (read: criticizing) the Canadian Alliance's proposed legislative agenda for government. This is what Psychology 101 students would call projection: projecting your faults or foibles on others to mask your own failings.

Hopefully, all this talk of a nonsensical GAI program is nothing more than a trial balloon the deserves to be dutifully shot out of the sky, and quickly. There are a multitude of reasons, even before the obvious massive financial costs (read: \$80 billion or more annually) that this silly idea will not work.

To start, somebody should spray the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) with a generous dose of "common sense pesticide" to eradicate this wonky idea of a massive expansion of the welfare state to the detriment of taxpayers, not to mention our international standing.

Multilateral bodies like the OECD and the IMF to every bond rater on Wall Street continue to bemoan our mam-

moth \$565 national debt and the fact that Canada lacks a legislated plan to pay it down over the next 40 or 50 years. Opening up the spending faucet for a GAI program would diminish our standing in the eyes of the international community and result in a serious downgrade of our international credit worthiness standing. And our debt would not be reduced either.

Closer to home, the Prime Minister has no mandate to even consider such a program. After scouring Liberal Red Book Number Three five times (it was quite easy, it's a mere 31 pages), no mention of any GAI initiative could be found.

The complexity of such a program in terms of its intrusion into areas of provincial constitutional jurisdiction is unfathomable. Some provinces believe in workfare; some don't. Some provinces have subsidized daycare; some don't. Such programs are concrete expressions of provincial will and to ask the Premiers to harmonize or abandon such schemes in the interest or abandon such schemes in the interests of the PM's thirst for a legacy is simply not on. Even the mere mention of such a scheme without consulting the provinces first is a bad omen for future federal-provincial relations.

In addition, we must consider Ottawa's track record on other shared cost initiatives. Medicare started out as a shared cost 50/50 endeavour with the provinces and we all know that the 21st century federal definition of shared re-

sponsibilities is one where the provinces raise the money and Ottawa tells them where and how to spend it. Ditto for infrastructure: after the electoral advantage of dropping billions into roads, museums and parks has evaporated, so do federal funds.

Finally, the issue of the economic plan must come into play. Even if the provinces were to come on board and HRDC could devise a comprehensive GAI program, where would the money come from? In the absence of double digit annual economic growth and \$40 billion annual surpluses, it would appear that something would have to give (read: Paul Martin's 100 billion tax cut plan).

And we haven't even delved into the policy merits of whether or not a GAI type program would even work to alleviate poverty (which it won't). So Mr. Prime Minister this is one Christmas gift Canadians do not need and do not want. It is as unwelcome as the winter blizzard outside my window. It's time to quickly bottom file this idea. Don't go there, just don't.

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FROM THE MAILBAG

MLA Column

Next year's electricity prices to remain the same



Richard Marz

The Alberta government has moved decisively to protect consumers from the effects of rapidly rising electricity and other energy costs this winter.

On November 28, the Government passed a regulation to suspend all electricity "rate rider" surcharges until 2002. Rate riders are fees that most utility companies had planned to add to your bill to make up for revenue shortfalls arising from underestimating power costs last year. Premier Ralph Klein and Resource Development Minister Mike Cardinal also directed the Energy and Utilities Board to review electricity prices.

"Many Albertans are concerned about proposed rate increases," the Premier told the Legislative Assembly. "I've listened to those concerns and taken action to protect Albertans from price increases until they and this government are satisfied the prices they're paying

for electricity are fair and reasonable."

On November 30, the Alberta Government set a province-wide price for power under the Regulated Rate Option at eight cents per kilowatt hour for 2001. Coupled with the Electricity Auction Rebates being applied automatically to consumers' bill, it means the average household using 650 kilowatt-hours of electricity will pay the same price for power that they did in 2000.

This move will protect Albertans from rising electricity costs by giving them the option to pay for their electricity at a rate unaffected by market trends.

"We've always said that consumers will have time to get comfortable with the new deregulated system, and in that time, they will be given the option of staying with a regulated rate," explained Cardinal.

Albertans can now choose their electricity services. They can remain with their current provider at the Regulated Rate Option until they become more familiar with a deregulated environment. Residential consumers have up to five years to remain with the Regulated Rate Option, and commercial consumers have up to three years. And while large industrial and commercial consumers are not eligible for the regulated rate, they continue to negotiate deals on an ongoing basis.

"This government has listened to Albertans' concerns about rising electricity prices. As we move ahead with the restructuring of our electricity industry, we remain committed to staying the course for the benefit of all Albertans," declared Cardinal. "Establishing the price under the Regulated Rate Option and the recent electricity auction are clear signals to the power industry and their customers across Alberta that this government is committed to deregulating Alberta's electricity marketplace."

Freezing in the dark, thanks to energy initiative

Dear Editor,

Early in his mandate, Ralph Klein declared that, "Alberta is open for business." What few of us realized, at the time, was that he may have been speaking in code. The operative work in that statement was the word "for." In the World Book Dictionary, the third definition given for the word "for" is: representing; in the interest of. If restated, substituting the definition for the word "for," the real intent of that statement emerges: Alberta is open in the interest of, and to represent, business.

Premier Klein's doctrine approach to privatization has born this out again and again, the most recent being the energy companies. But this is backfiring. Is it any wonder that these companies, when unleashed, will squeeze every

nickel they can out of the people who have no choice but to pay "what the market will bear?"

Perhaps under the Alberta Advantage, free enterprise should be renamed "unbridled enterprise."

Albertans seem to have a voluntary amnesia where Ralph Klein is concerned. Some of us remember Prime Minister Trudeau's energy initiative.

In response to it, Ralph Klein, then the mayor of Calgary, uttered, "Let those eastern bastards freeze in the dark."

Now, thanks to Ralph Klein's "energy initiative," we are the poor people who will freeze in the dark.

Sincerely,
Paul Ciesla,
Lethbridge, Alberta

Christmas blessing from Nigeria

Dear Friends,

Praises: We praise God for His work in the lives of Janet's fifth-grade discipleship girls. They have all come back after 'quitting' and most have a fairly positive attitude.

We are grateful for God's provision for all of our needs. I've been convicted by God that I should not buy black market petrol. I put the last of our reserves into the car and knew that it wouldn't get me to Abuja the following Monday. I went and waited in line and got petrol after two hours. He is faithful to provide our needs. Since then I've tried to find another line to wait in to create more reserves, but haven't found anything promising. God doesn't necessarily give us what we want. It has been a good lesson in God's provision.

Prayer: Please continue to pray along with me that the shortage of petrol here in Jos will stop and petrol will be readily available like in other places around the country.

Please pray for the concerts that the students present. These can be a real blessing and testimony to some of the parents as well as a challenge and opportunity for the students.

Many students, teachers, and parents will be travelling during the Christmas break. Pray that their journeys will be safe. School lets out on the 15th and many will travel that day.

Please pray also that the Christmas holiday time will be a blessed time for families that

are separated during the School year. Sometimes it takes time to readjust to living at 'home' and frictions can develop. Pray also that those whose parents are not Christian will have opportunities during the Advent season to present Christ in an attractive way.

We wish all of you a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,
Dan & Janet

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Notes from Nigeria: Gas troubles

Dear Friends,

Would you sleep in your car overnight in order to get a tankful of gas at the correct price? I was going to do that Tuesday night. Fuel has been hard to get at the control price in Jos, so when I found out that a fuel tanker was delivering its load to the Mobil station up the road, I went and got in line. One attendant there told me that they would unload the tanker that night and probably start pumping early the next morning. I was about fifteenth in line, so I left the car and walked about a mile home.

We ate an early supper and then, armed with blankets, snacks, hot chocolate, and the radio, I went back to sleep in the car as a guard. Maybe no one would have bothered the car, but I wasn't going to take any chances.

By six thirty I was kind of set up in the car. I walked the short distance to the station and found that they were indeed unloading the tanker. Good. I went back to the car and set up the radio so that I could listen to BBC. It was too dark to read the books I had along.

About 7, I walked back to the station where they had finished unloading the tanker. I sat and watched what was happening.

Most of the workers were going home and it looked like I would be there alone with the night guard. The owner drove off in his late-model Mercedes. The manager was talking with some of his friends and they must have convinced him to give them fuel that night. Sev-

eral of them drove their cars to the pumps and they started filling them. The manager came over and asked what I was doing. As a white person it's impossible to be inconspicuous. I said that my car was in the line and I was planning to sleep in it overnight so that I could get fuel the next morning. He asked if I could get it out and bring it to the pumps. Yes, I definitely could do that, and I did!

By seven twenty I was home with my tank full of gas. It was sooooo nice sleeping in my own bed, nice and warm instead of in the car out in the cold. Cold may be a bit strong for the temperatures here. It gets down into the 50's Fahrenheit, or 9 to 14 C. It just feels cold. Anyway, I was very grateful to God to get my gas and go home. The attendant who filled my tank seemed to think that I should give him a 'dash' or a gift. I didn't. The next day when I drove past the station it was a 'zoo' with people and cars all over the place.

The day after that I went back and gave the attendant and his friends some tracts. This is a way of giving him something for his help without paying a bribe.

I now have enough petrol for the vacation season, but I'm praying that the few rich and powerful people here in Jos who are causing the petrol shortage will be dealt with as God sees fit. I've been convinced that I shouldn't buy 'black market' petrol, and God has provided for me whenever I've needed it. However, I don't

condemn others who buy on the black market. Many of them can't wait in line for a couple of hours. Right now, my hours are flexible enough to allow me to do that. I can even take work with me to do while I'm waiting. Particularly those who work at Hillcrest can't do that, but enough about petrol.

Last night there was a very good band and choir concert at the School. The beginner band was a bit off, but it was great to see our students using their musical abilities in that setting. There were a lot of proud parents watching and applauding! Afterwards there was an Art display and an Industrial Arts display, showing what the students have done this semester.

Events like these can be very good for building a sense of community among the parents.

Also the students need opportunities like these to perform and display their talents.

Tomorrow we'll go to a Nigerian church for the graduation ceremony of the Nigerian Evangelical Missions Institute. An acquaintance of ours will graduate and we wish to encourage her.

Many Nigerians who become missionaries in their own land face great hardship and privation. Even to attend the Institute has been financially difficult for Becky. We certainly want to encourage her and others like her.

Sincerely,
Dan & Janet

Being swindled

Dear Editor,

Let's get this straight. Our electricity is about to double in price, our natural gas heating is about to double in price, the price of oil in Alberta is about \$50.00 Canadian a barrel to us because of some kind of shortage, but yet everything is still going across the border to the United States and since the Tory "Free Trade" deal our dollar has been marked down to a cruel joke, destroying our savings and pensions.

At this time it is my humble personal opinion that we in Alberta are being swindled and for that folks someone should go to jail now!

Dennis Combs
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Clearly a time to celebrate.

Season's Greetings to our community, and best wishes for a prosperous New Year. Thank you for letting us bring clarity to your financial choices.



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Lap Swim 12-1	Public Swim 10-3	Merry Christmas		Early Bird 7-10	Early Bird 7-10	Early Bird 7-10
Toonie Swim 1-4		Pool Closed for Holiday	Public Swim 1-5	Rentals 10-11	Rentals 10-12	Rentals 10-11
Family Swim 4-5:30				Lap Swim 12-1	Lap Swim 12-1	Lap Swim 12-1
Public Swims 7-8:30				Public 1-5	Public 1-5	Public 1-5
				Public 6:30-8	Family 6:30-8:15	Rentals 5-6:30
				Teen Swims 8-9	Adult 8:15-9:15	Public 6:30-8:30

SAT. Dec. 30	SUN. Dec. 31	MON. Jan. 1	TUES. Jan. 2	WED. Jan. 3	THUR. Jan. 4	FRI. Jan. 5
Lap Swim 12-1	Lap Swim 1-2	Happy New Year	Early Bird 7-10	Early Bird 7-10	Early Bird 7-10	Early Bird 7-10
Public Swim 1-4	Public Swim 2-5		Lap Swim 12-1	Lap Swim 12-1	Lap Swim 12-1	Rentals 10-11
Family Swim 4-5:30	NEW!!! January 1, 2001 Tuesday Night \$10 Family All regular family guidelines apply	Pool Closed for Holiday	Public 2-5	Public 2-5	Public 2-5	50+ Fun & Fit 11-12
Public Swims 7-8:30			\$10 Family 6:30-8:15	Public 6:30-8	Family 6:30-8:15	Lap Swim 12-1
			Adult 8:15-9:15	Teen Swims 8-9	Adult 8:15-9:15	Public 1-5
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Successful year for Town of Didsbury

By Nicole Smith

The first year of the new millennium has been a successful one for the Town of Didsbury, says Mayor Ray Lea.

Lea says that a lot of project that came to fruition in 2000 are a result of many years of hard work.

"A lot of things were launched this year that are basically several years of hard work for the Town," he said.

Lea draws attention to the new RCMP detachment, that will open its doors mid-January.

He says that the Town is planning to host an open house in June of 2001 for the public, when all the landscaping around the building is complete.

Lea also points out that the new Ambulance Commission will be going into effect in just a few short days.

This municipal service will be run by the commission and will have input from all the towns within its jurisdiction.

Lea says that one of the biggest issues of the past year was that of the future of the Didsbury Hospital.

He says that it was the input from the community and hard work of many officials that have kept emergency and acute care services at the hospital.

As well, an announcement came down this year that a senior's lodge will be in Didsbury's future. The Mountain View Management Board recently secured funding from Health Authority 5 which has made this project even more of a reality, says Lea.

A Municipal Census was hosted this year and the count came back at close to 4,000 people living in Didsbury. Lea says that a federal census will be held in 2001.

Lea also pointed out that a new industrial subdivision, Rosebud Industrial Park, has 72 acres of land to offer new industry looking at locating in Didsbury. He says that currently someone is looking at 10 acres of this land.

Finally, he said that several new residential subdivisions have begun construction this past year and commented that he is very pleased with all the developers in the area for the work they are doing.

Lea hopes that Didsbury's prosperity will continue on into the new year.

"The Didsbury Council sees an extremely bright future for Didsbury. We are a pro-active community as far as development and industry goes," he said.

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DHS Australian will be teacher heading home soon

By Nicole Smith

One DHS teacher will be home just in time to see the six white boomers make their Australian run.

Kathryn Flanagan, an Australian teacher, was part of a teacher exchange this past year, that saw herself spending a year at the Didsbury High School and DHS principal Steve Thompson spending a year at an Australian school.

Flanagan, along with her husband Stephen, were present at last Wednesday's Chinook's Edge School Division #73 board meeting, to give a speech about her time in Didsbury.

Flanagan said that there were many differences she experienced when she first arrived in Canada, including climate changes, the diversity of animals and how the schools operate here.

She says that she, her husband and their two sons,

toured around Alberta, BC and Montana during the summer break.

At DHS, she taught math, psychology and a couple other subjects. She says that in Australia, she

teaches only math to her students.

She says that in Australia, she is used to year-round schooling, which has the students in class for ten weeks and off for two weeks. As well, the students at her school wear uniforms.

"But, basically the kids are the same where ever you go," she said.

Flanagan says that she has received a few little presents from her students at DHS.

"They think I'm a little bit special because I'm the Aussie," she laughed.

Her husband, Stephen, also spent some time in Chinook's Edge schools as a substitute teacher.

"I think the respect kids have for teachers here is great," Stephen said.

"The kids looked after me pretty well."

Both Flanagans say they are impressed with how hard the students work here and think that the middle school concept is a great idea.

"It's a wonderful concept," said Stephen. "We don't have that in Australia. I'd love to see it happen in our country."

DHS principal Iain Paton then spoke to the board.

"We were truly pleased to have Kathy on board," he said. "It's been a pleasure for all the students and the staff."



Kathryn Flanagan spoke to the CESD board last week.

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Olds College President Rob Turner resigns

Olds College President and CEO, Dr. Robert Turner, tendered his resignation today, effective April 30, 2001.

Olds College Board of Governors' Chair, Jim Smith, P.Ag. announced the resignation today. With the Board and the entire College community, he joins in wishing Dr. Turner the best of success in his new challenge as President of Sheridan College in Toronto, one of the largest colleges in Canada.

Since assuming the Presidency in 1995, Dr. Turner has played a significant role in transforming Olds College into an innovative and entrepreneurial learning organization, consistently meeting and exceeding the objectives established with him by the Board of Governors. Enrolment has increased by 33% during a time of government funding cutbacks. Our students are in high demand by industry and many are creating successful entrepreneurial ventures of their own.

A few of the significant accomplishments of Olds College under Dr. Turner's Presidency include:

- Consistent, outstanding Key Performance Indicator ratings - a provincial measure of financial, management, student and employer satisfaction ratings
- introduction of Applied Degrees in Horticulture and Ag Technology and Entrepreneurship
- successful articulation agreements with several universities and other colleges to enable diploma graduates to extend their educational options
- development of two new residence complexes, which have been instrumental in improving campus life and spirit among students
- development and/or redevelopment of five additional training facilities, including industry-partner-funded facilities
- successful launch of the Olds College Centre for Innovation

These and other developments will serve Olds College and Albertans well today and into the future. Dr. Turner has also helped to develop a strong awareness and recognition of Olds College provincially, nationally and internationally.

Olds College has an experienced and dedicated Board, Faculty, Staff and Administrative Team in place to provide solid stewardship during the transition to a new President. The Board will immediately undertake the search for a high caliber individual to lead Olds College for the next segment of a journey that is no approaching a century of success.

Chinook's Edge Outreach School meeting

On the evening of November 22, 2000 a school council for the Outreach schools of Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73 was formed. Parents, teachers and students from Sylvan Lake Outreach, Red Deer Outreach, Career High, Olds Partnership and Didsbury Outreach attended the meeting. The purpose is to give parents, students, teachers and community members meaningful involvement in the decisions which affect their schools. Involvement in the council will provide opportunity for stakeholders to express their views at regional and provincial meetings on such matters as the nature of schooling, curriculum development, provincial testing programs and the suitability of educational innovations.

All five Outreach Schools are represented at meetings by a parent, student and a staff member. The newly elected Board is chaired by Melanie Pasemko of Didsbury, Vice Chair is Pat St. John of Didsbury, Secretary is Lori Kennedy of Red Deer, and Treasurer is Lorelee Pierce of Sylvan Lake.

The next meeting, which is open to the public, is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on January 17, 2001 at Career High in Innisfail.

Reeve's Message

On behalf of County and staff, I wish to extend Season's Greetings and a Merry Christmas to all residents and businesses in Mountain View County. This year has seen a number of growth development issues in the County. We have endeavored to deal with them in a fashion that creates orderly and reasonable growth in keeping with our by-laws and reflecting the rural lifestyle that the ratepayers have enjoyed.

The County will continue to have an open door policy and encourages its ratepayers to discuss issues with their council representatives. We look forward to working on behalf of and for the good of the County this next year.

We wish you all the best in 2001!

Ian S. Harvie
Reeve

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Didsbury Dry Cleaners offers loads of experience

By Nicole Smith

The new owners of Didsbury Dry Cleaners are cleaning machines.

Scott and Val Puttick took over the dry cleaning business here in Didsbury on Oct. 21, and have been busy ever since.

The couple live at Westward Ho and also own a similar business in Calgary, Beacon Martinizing.

Scott says that the commute to Calgary was getting tiresome and they were looking for a similar venture closer to their home.

"We decided we wanted to get something closer to home," he said.

When he found out the previ-

ous owners were looking to sell, it seemed like the perfect opportunity.

Scott and his wife have close to 25 years experience in the area of dry cleaning and are offering various services at the Didsbury shop.

He says that they do dry cleaning, laundered shirts, leather service, wedding gown cleaning and preservation, as well as having a shoe repair depot there for a business in Carstairs. Also, Scott says that they clean fire damaged items.

The couple has five drop-off depots in the area: two in Olds, two in Carstairs and one in Cremona.

They also hold accounts with

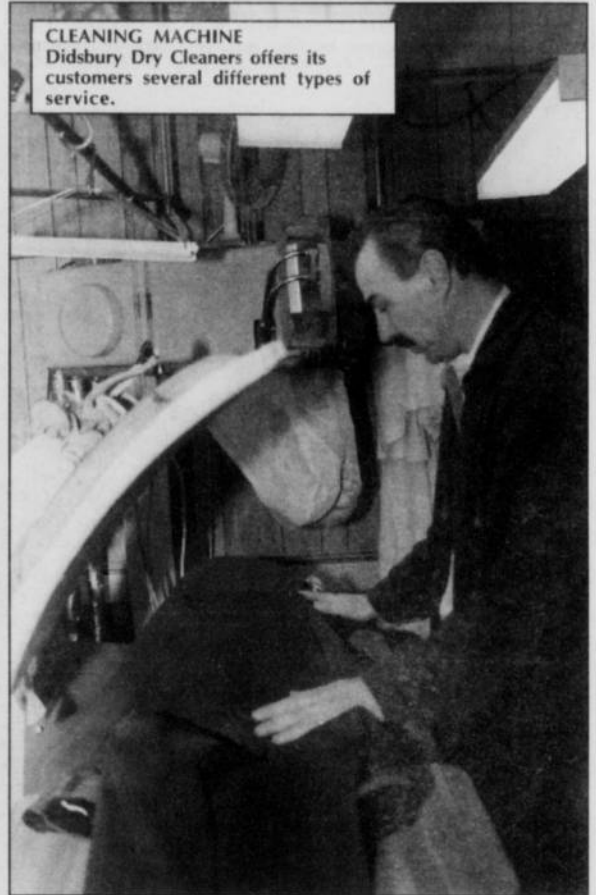
various businesses in Calgary, including Mount Royal College, the University of Calgary, and every so often they pick up various movie production business, including the last Steven Segal movie that was filmed in Calgary.

"It seemed like a natural transition to come to Didsbury with where we live. Now we have support for this plant, and we are support for the plant in Calgary," he said.

Scott says that the prices have not changed at all since he and Val took over the business.

Didsbury Dry Cleaners is open from 7:30-5:30 Monday to Friday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

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Scott Puttick and his employee, Donna Stogrin, are ready to meet all your dry cleaning needs.

Completing the cycle: nutrient management

A newly released video entitled completing the cycle: Nutrient Management will be of interest to both livestock and crop operators. The video provides an overview of the nutrient management cycle and how producers can profit from proper nutrient management planning. The emphasis is on the importance of manure nutrients, and how they are key to offsetting fertilizer costs, gaining a market advantage, and protecting soil, water and air quality.

Both livestock and crop operations are part of the nutrient management cycle. Activities, from manure production, storage and application to crop and feed production to feeding livestock, affect the cycle. By preserving and using nutrients at all points in the cycle, operators convert waste management problems into advantages. Not only can operators realize increased profits and improved environmental stewardship, they can gain added bonuses of good neighbor rela-

tions and improved consumer confidence in the end-product.

"Nutrient management planning (NMP) is adopting practices that optimize economic profit of fertilizer and manure use, while protecting the environment," says Dr. Mohamed Amrani, nutrient management specialist, with Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Edmonton. "Additional components of a complete NMP include storage site selection, odour control, spreader calibration, record keeping and emergency response plan. A NMP must be reviewed every year, and changes implemented when new information becomes available."

As the video points out, this nutrient management model is no pie-in-the-sky theoretical concept. Across Alberta, many agricultural operators and farm managers working with cowcalf, hog, dairy, poultry and grain production, are successfully putting the science of nutrient management

into practice. The video reviews a wide variety of livestock and crop operations that are successfully managing manure and nutrients in their operation through NMP.

Bernie Kotelko of Highland Feeders realizes that all components of his operation have value and he is capitalizing on that. "When we look at the bigger picture, it's part of our whole system, where we've got cattle in the pen, they're producing a nutrient, we're adding value to it with the composting process. We haul it out to our fields and it's nutrients for the crop that will feed our next pen of cattle," he says.

Brian and Mark Perkins run a combined hog/grain operation and produce much of their own hog feed. "One of the things that has happened over the last few years and has been the most significant change in the way that we're applying manure, is that we're working with neighbors," explains Perkins. "There are peo-

ple that buy manure from us. We apply manure on their land on the same basis used when we apply it on our own land. We're now to the point where we don't have enough manure to meet the demand."

Bill Stewart, a cow-calf operator, moved his winter feeding area to higher ground to improve manure management and reduce run off concerns. "Farming is a tough business, and we do want to preserve the environment, but there has to be some economic advantage. I really believe that moving my cow herd has some economic advantages," he says.

The video also includes discussions with experts on how to successfully use manure nutrients in crop rotations, carefully matching soil and manure test results to crop nutrient requirements, to provide

crops with exactly what they need. Grazing management experts provide information on how to extend the grazing season and reduce manure handling.

Developing and implementing good nutrient management helps farmers and ranchers improve the bottom line and produce products in a safe and environmentally sound manner.

The video is available for sale from the Alberta Agriculture Publications Office, 7000 113 Street, Edmonton, AB

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T6H 5T6, or by calling the toll-free line 1-800-292-5697. The cost is \$10 per tape, plus shipping and handling, plus GST (\$12.84 total).

This video can also be borrowed free of charge from local Alberta Agriculture District Offices.

Approved cattle tagging sites

The Canadian Cattle Identification Agency (CCIA) is accepting applications from locations seeking to operate as approved tagging sites under the Canadian Cattle Identification Program.

"Many herd owners don't have

suitable facilities to restrain cattle for tagging," says Cindy McCreath, communications manager with the CCIA. "Provisions are being made to establish approved tagging sites as a result of this industry concern. Approved tagging sites are per-

mitted to set their own fees for supplying this service."

Any suitable facility may apply to become an approved tagging site. The operator must provide CCIA with the name and address of the site and agree not to mix untagged cattle belonging

to one owner with untagged cattle belonging to anyone else. The operator of the tagging site must also ensure that animals are tagged only with tags issued to the owner of those animals, and keep records of the names and addresses of the owners of the animals brought to the site, the date of tagging and the tag numbers applied to the animal. Tagging facilities may also choose to

sell tags and must then meet the requirements of a distributor.

"The Board of Directors of the CCIA undertook to keep the Canadian Cattle Identification Program as industry-friendly as possible," says CCIA general manager, Julie Stitt. "The provision for approved tagging sites is one example of our efforts to make the program workable for producers."



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Taking a product from gate to plate

Farm direct marketing is not a new concept by any means; however, it is becoming increasingly popular as a method of selling fresh farm products directly to the consumer. Producers are looking for ways to increase their share of the retail dollar, and consumers are look-

ing for wholesome, flavourful products at their source.

"There are a number of consumer trends which put direct marketers in a favourable position," says Linda Hawk, with Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Medicine Hat. "Increased concern among

consumers about the quality of food they eat means they're willing to search out and pay extra for foods they believe will be fresh and nutritious. Farm direct marketers can offer just-picked product at the source."

In addition to being health-conscious, many consumers are

searching for opportunities to rediscover their roots. Most have descendants who were in the agriculture sector, and visiting a farm is a way to recapture their history. The increasingly urban society often associates rural life with a less stressful and more balanced way of

living. Urbanites are drawn to the country not only for the products, but also for the atmosphere.

Before making the decision to "go direct," it is important to "explore direct." Do you have the personal qualifications? Does farm direct marketing fit your business? Is your target audience accessible through farm direct marketing?



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Poinsettia: A history of the Christmas plant

The Poinsettia, a native plant of Mexico, was introduced into the United States in the 1800's by Joel Poinsett, a botanist from South Carolina who was serving as an Ambassador to Mexico. Poinsett was fascinated with the beautiful scarlet flowers of the plant and brought the plant home to South Carolina.

"Poinsettia have come along way from the selections Poinsett made in Mexico," says Shelley Barkley, information officer with Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development's Crop Diversification Centre South, Brooks. "Years of breeding programs have resulted in poinsettia that are pink, cream, peach, white and red or pink variegated varieties. There is even a variety that is cream, rose, and pink, the color of the bracts deepens as the bract ages, so the plant changes color during the Christmas season. Despite the multitude of colors available to consumers, red still is the most popular color of poinsettia."

The colored part of the poinsettia, often thought of as the flower, is actually modified leaves called bracts. The flower is actually the small yellow balls in the centre of the bracts.

"When choosing a poinsettia, select plants with good bract color, be sure the color extends right to the edges of the bracts," says Barkley. "If the edge is green, the plant is not fully mature and will never reach its full potential. Plants with dark green and plentiful foliage down to the soil line are a great choice. The stems of the plant should be stiff with no signs of wilting, drooping or breaking. The proper proportion, size and

shape to the container is important to the general attractiveness and balance of the plant. Lastly, look at the plant's soil, avoid waterlogged soil especially if the plant is wilted. This can indicate root rot, a root disease that is irreversible.

Moving living plants on cold, winter days can be tricky, but a little planning will make the trip less traumatic to the plant. The plant shop needs to be the last stop before going home, and the vehicle needs to be warm. Paper wrapping is a better insulator than plastic. The worst spot for the plant is on the floor in front of the heater vent as it can cook there. Move the plant from the car to its new home quickly. Unwrap the plant as soon as possible, leaving it in the sleeve too long will cause the plant to begin to deteriorate.

Poinsettias thrive in bright, direct light in the Alberta winter. They require about six hours of light a day. Low light levels will cause the leaves to yellow and drop. The ideal room temperature is about 20 to 22 degrees C, a good gauge is that

if you are comfortable with the temperature in your home, your poinsettia will be too. Drafty spots like the window sill or hot spots like sitting on the TV, in front of the heat ducts or fire place can make the whole plant droop. The window sill can be harmful for another reason, closing the curtains at night with the plant trapped between the curtains and the window can chill or even freeze the plant.

"Avoid fertilizing the plant while it is in bloom," adds Barkley.

"Water the poinsettia when the soil is dry to the touch, never let it dry completely. Plants that are too dry, have shrivelled leaves. Water thoroughly, and allow the excess water to drain from the pot, then dump the drip tray. The decorative foil around the pot holds water so removing the foil or putting holes through it at the pot's drainage holes, prevents the soil from staying too wet. Soil that is kept too wet causes the colour to fade in patches on the bracts and leaves."



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Agribition livestock judging team

Alberta 4-H Judges were a force to contend with at the International 4-H Judging Seminar at Agribition in Regina, Saskatchewan on November 18 to 21. UFA - AgPro, Alberta Treasury Branches (ATB), and Alberta 4-H co-sponsor this judging award trip.

Eight Alberta 4-H members and two 4-H leaders travelled to Regina to compete in the competition which involved over 50 contestants from throughout Canada and the neighbouring States. The Alberta team consisting of Rachelle Fisher, Didsbury; Dana MacMillan, Vermilion; Robyn Mader, Carstairs; Mary Rutledge, Wainwright; Melissa Snelgrove, Vermilion; Jill Stevens, Carstairs; Tara Warburton, Fort Madleod; Ashleigh Wray, Irricana and chaperones Sandy Warburton, Fort Macleod; April Brower, Warner.

Team Alberta finished in first place overall. In the Individual competitions, overall competitions Grand Aggregate winner was Robyn Mader of Carstairs with Mary Rutledge of Wainwright reaching fourth spot.

In the species competitions Mary Rutledge placed first and Dana MacMillan from Vermilion placed fourth in beef judging. Robyn Mader of Carstairs placed first in Bison, Rachelle Fisher of Didsbury placed first in Sheep, Dairy winner was Melissa Snelgrove of Vermilion with Ashleigh Wray of Irricana placing fifth. In overall oral reasons third went to Rachelle Fisher and fourth to Robyn Mader.

"This is the best Alberta has done in ten years at this competition," says Henry Wiegman, provincial 4-H agriculture specialist with Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Edmonton. "We have been fortunate to send a strong team each year but this team excelled."

The 4-H members who travelled to Regina won the right to represent Alberta at the ATB Alberta 4-H Provincial Judging Competition being held in Olds in August, 2001.

Alberta through the support of UFA AgPro, ATB and the Alberta 4-H Program Trust also sends a team of four judges to the Northern International Livestock Exposition in Billings Montana in October, a team of eight judges to the Denver Colorado Western Regional 4-H Livestock Evaluation Competition in mid-January and a team of three judges to the Calgary Livestock Evaluation School in early June.

The next edition of the Didsbury Review will be January 3, 2001.

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS



AMBULANCE SERVICES

Effective 12 midnight December 31, 2000 Mountain View Regional Emergency Services will be providing ambulance services to the Town of Olds, the Town of Didsbury, the Town of Carstairs, the Village of Cremona and the central, east and south west sections of Mountain View County which is not currently serviced by Sundre & District Ambulance Service.

Persons wishing to report an **Ambulance Emergency** are asked to call **911** to report their emergency.

Please note that if your call is an Ambulance Emergency, do not call any seven-digit number that you may still be using to activate the local ambulance. Instead, call 911.

For administrative, operational and billing inquiries, please direct your call to our office at (403) 335-3311. When calling this number please Request **Mountain View Regional Emergency Regional Services.**

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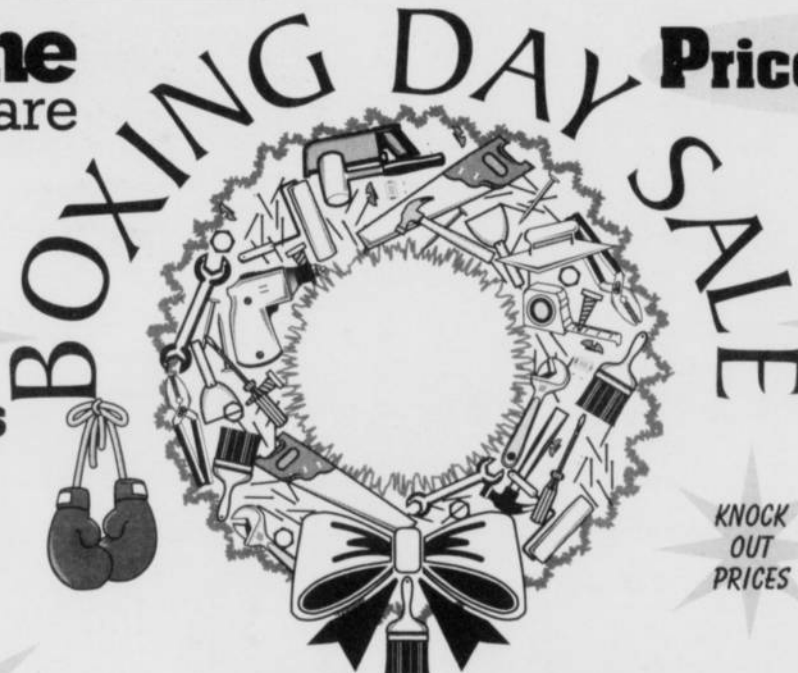


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Code for livestock operations updated

The code outlining technical standards for new and expanding livestock operations has been updated to provide greater protection of the environment while reducing potential nuisance from dust, odour and noise.

The 2000 Code of Practice for Responsible Livestock Development and Manure Management replaces the 1995 Code of Practice for the Safe and Economic Handling of Animal Manures. Advances in research and technology have been included, as well as input gathered through the public consultation process led by the Livestock Regulatory Stakeholder Advisory Group.

"Livestock developers and the public have been asking for clear standards for intensive livestock operations," says Ty Lund, Minister of Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development. "While we work toward a comprehensive provincial strategy, the updated Code provides clarity on the technical standards for siting and manure management."

The 2000 Code outlines technical standards on siting and manure management for new and expanding intensive livestock operations (ILO). The definition of an ILO remains the same: a permanent feedlot or covered facility; a minimum number of livestock, held at a density of 90 m² or less, for more than 90 days.

Examples of an intensive livestock operation as defined in the Code would be:

- a 30 sow farrow to finish hog operation, or
- a 300 head beef feedlot, or
- a 5000 hen egg laying operation

Key changes to the Code include: enhanced standards for manure storage and application to prevent contamination of surface and groundwater en-

hanced requirements to reduce conflict with other land users requirements on manure application to allow better utilization of nutrients by crops.

The Code has been updated to ensure technical standards for livestock operations are current in order to reduce environmental and health risks. As well, with livestock operations increasing in size as a reflection of the markets and with more people moving to rural areas, the potential for conflicts over land use and issues such as noise, odour and dust is increasing. The Code is intended to help reduce the potential for conflict through these technical standards.

Current provincial legislation ensure the protection of the water, air and soil quality as well as human health. They include the Public Health Act, the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, the Water Act and the federal Fisheries Act, to name a few.


Beyond the updated Code, Alberta Agriculture is working with industry to develop beneficial management practices, environmental self-assessment and certification programs, peer review, nutrient management planning tools and continued research and technology development.

A committee, led by Albert Klapstein, MLA for Leduc, was recently appointed to review and make recommendations on issues specific only to approval processes, municipal and provincial roles and on-going monitoring. The committee will report back in spring 2001.

Municipalities have the jurisdiction over development applications. Alberta Agriculture has provided expertise on livestock development applications at a municipality's request, basing their recommendations on adherence to the 1995 Code. Alberta Agriculture staff will continue to provide this service now using the updated Code. Copies of the 2000 Code are available by following the links on the Alberta Agriculture website at www.agric.gov.ab.ca or by calling 1-800-292-5697.

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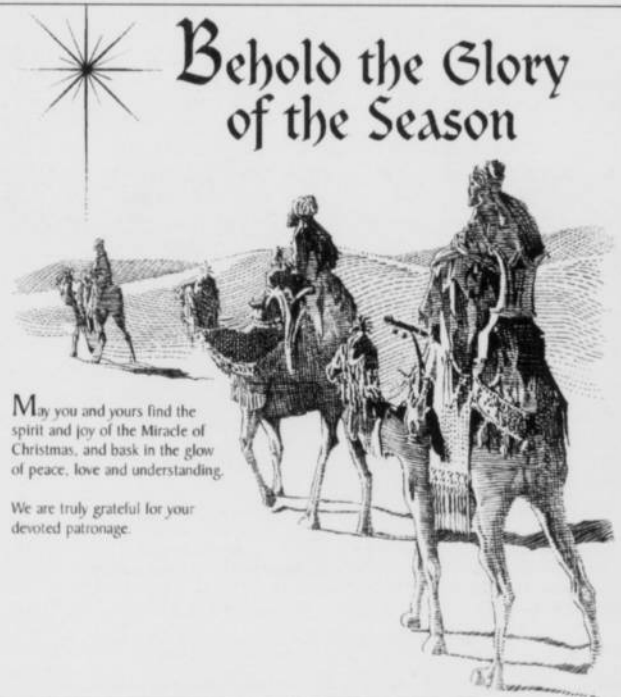
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Last week, Didsbury and District Chamber of Commerce President Dan Peters, presented Linda Regner of the Didsbury Christmas Hampers program with a donation of \$500. The program delivers the Christmas spirit to families in need, with boxes of food, toys and a Christmas turkey to cook.

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ALBERTA ENERGY AND UTILITIES BOARD
APPLICATION NOS. 1072191 AND 1072188
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Take Notice that the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB) will hold a public hearing of Application Nos. 1072191 and 1072188 at the Sundre West Country Centre, #4, 101 - 2nd Avenue NW, Sundre, Alberta, commencing on **Tuesday, January 30, 2001**, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. All interveners to this proceeding must be present at the commencement of the hearing to register their appearance.

And Further Take Notice that the EUB is prepared to hold a pre-hearing meeting if there is sufficient interest to determine that a pre-hearing meeting would be beneficial.

Nature of Application No. 1072191

Novagas Canada Ltd. (Novagas) submitted an application in accordance with Section 26 (1)(b) of the Oil and Gas Conservation Act for approval to modify its existing Harmattan-Elkton Sour Gas Plant located at NE 27 & SE 34-31-4W5M. Novagas proposes to install an additional line heater. The facility is currently licensed to process 13900.0 thousand cubic metres (103 m³) per day of sour natural gas with a hydrogen sulphide (H₂S) content of 45 moles per kilomole (4.5 per cent) from which 11660.0 103 m³ per day of sales gas, hydrocarbon liquids, and 81.5 tonnes per day of sulphur are recovered. Sulphur emissions at the plant are up to 1.1 tonnes per day at maximum plant capacity based on a normal operating sulphur recovery efficiency of 98.6 per cent on a quarterly calendar reporting basis. The Harmattan-Elkton Sour Gas Plant's capacity and sulphur emission limits will remain unchanged.

In addition, Novagas submitted an application in accordance with Part 4 of the Pipeline Act for approval to construct and operate pipelines for the purpose of transporting sour gas from the North and South Caroline Sour Gas Plants located at LSD 1-11-35-6W5M and LSD 4-20-34-4W5M, respectively, to Novagas's existing Harmattan-Elkton Sour Gas Plant located at NE 27 & SE 34-31-4W5M. In addition, the proposed pipeline would transport natural gas from the existing Garrington gas plants located at LSD 11-17-34-3W5M and LSD 13-5-34-3W5M to the Harmattan-Elkton Sour Gas Plant. The proposed pipeline would be approximately 63.5 kilometres (km) in length with a maximum outside diameter of 323.9-millimetre (mm) and would transport sour gas with a maximum H₂S concentration of 25 mol/kmol (2.5 per cent). The proposed pipeline would be operated as a level-2 pipeline.

Nature of Application No. 1072188

BP Canada Energy Company (BP Canada) submitted an application in accordance with Section 26 (1)(b) of the Oil and Gas Conservation Act for approval to convert its existing North and South Caroline Sour Gas Plants located at LSD 1-11-35-6W5M and LSD 4-20-34-4W5M, respectively, into sour compressor stations. The facilities would continue to stabilize some natural gas liquids and therefore would continue to be defined as gas plants. Additional electric compressors would be added to each site and the existing dehydration equipment would be reconfigured. The existing sulphur recovery and liquid extraction/fractionation processes and associated equipment at each plant site would be discontinued and the Caroline sour gas would be processed at the existing Harmattan-Elkton Sour Gas Plant located at NE 27 & SE 34-31-4W5M.

To File a Submission

Any person intending to make a submission with respect to the hearing of Application Nos. 1072191 and 1072188 shall file on or before **January 16, 2001**. Send one copy to the applicants at the name and addresses below, and ten copies of the submission to the attention of:
Douglas A. Larder, Board Counsel
640 - 5th Avenue, SW
Calgary, Alberta T2P 3G4

Notes

Any submission filed shall contain information detailing:

- (i) the desired disposition of the applications;
- (ii) the facts substantiating the position of the submitter, and
- (iii) the reasons why the submitter believes the Board should decide in the manner advocated.

Submissions relating exclusively to compensation for land usage are not dealt with by the EUB, but may be referred to the Alberta Surface Rights Board.

Additional Information

To obtain additional information or a copy of the applications contact:

Novagas Canada Ltd.
Attention: Michelle Coughlin
3400, 237 - 4th Avenue S.W.
Calgary, Alberta T2P 3J7
Telephone: (403) 213-4464
Fax: (403) 213-3896

Copies of the applications are available for public viewing at the EUB's Information Services, 640 - 5th Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta.

For information about EUB procedures contact:

Applications Branch, Facilities Applications Group
Attention: Dale Schater, telephone: (403) 297-8189

If there are no bona fide submissions received, the hearing may be cancelled and the EUB will continue with the disposition of the applications without further notice.

EPEA Application Nos. 005-1071, 006-10158, and 012-10154

In accordance with the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act (EPEA), Novagas Canada Ltd. and BP Canada Energy Company have applied to Alberta Environment for amendments to Approval Nos. 1071-01-00, 10158-01-00 and 10154-01-00 as part of their joint application to convert the North and South Caroline Sour Gas Plants into compressor stations and process the gas at the Harmattan-Elkton Sour Gas Plant, located at NE 27 & SE 34-31-4 W5M.

Novagas Canada Ltd. proposes to add electric compressors to the North and South Caroline Sour Gas Plants, add a thermal incinerator for the glycol dehydrator at North Caroline Sour Gas Plant, and relocate a line heater from the North Caroline to the South Caroline Sour Gas Plant. Novagas Canada Ltd. proposes to install an additional line heater at the Harmattan-Elkton Sour Gas Plant. The Harmattan-Elkton Sour Gas Plant's capacity and sulphur dioxide (SO₂) emission limits will remain unchanged.

And Further Take Notice that pursuant to section 70 of the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, any person who is directly affected by these operations may submit a written statement of concern regarding these applications.

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Statements of concern must be submitted within 30 days of the date of this notice. Please quote Application Nos. 005-1071, 006-10158, and 012-10154 when submitting a statement of concern.

NOTE: Any statements filed regarding these applications are public records which are accessible by the public. Copies of the EPEA applications can be obtained from:

Novagas Canada Ltd.
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Issued at Calgary, Alberta, on December 8, 2000

Douglas A. Larder, Counsel

Agri-news briefs

Check your bins or "The Nightmare Before Christmas" begins

*T'was the night before Christmas and all through the bin
All kinds of things were stirring making good grain a ruin.
The farmer was tucked up all snug in his bed.
While visions of better prices danced in his head.
When all of a sudden there rose such a clatter,
That he sprang from his bed to see what was the matter.
He drew back the curtain and threw open the sash.
He was concerned that something was eating his stash.
The roof of the bin glistened so bright
From the light of the moon on a clear starry night.
The steam it was rising from the top of the bin.
At once he realized the pickle he was in...*
(Adapted from *Twas The Nighty Before Christmas* with sincere apologies to Clement Clarke Moore).

This poem could have continued to tell how the grain heats up and quality is lost. Or even how grain gets taken to the elevator only to be rejected because of insects, such as the rusty grain beetle.

This is the time of year when the grain in bins may start to heat up. There are already reports of heating occurring. Come January and February, reports of rusty grain beetles will start.

Be sure to check bins for any signs of heating. If heating is taking place, remove one or two truck loads of grain and allow the cold winter air to cool it. Or, if there is aeration on the bin, turn on the fan.

At this time of year, heating will be occurring at the top of the bin, due to temperature inversions occurring inside the bin.

For further information, contact John Huffman, cereal and oilseed specialist, Grande Prairie, (780) 538-5633.

Public meetings for intensive livestock operations issues

You are invited to share your views, concerns and ideas on the development and operation of Alberta's livestock industry; specifically on the issues of provincial and municipal roles, approval processes, and on-going monitoring and enforcement.

The Sustainable Management of the Livestock Industry in Alberta Committee will consult with Albertans on this important matter through written submissions to the committee and public meetings in the new year.

Public meetings will be held at six locations across the province. You are invited to make a formal presentation. Presentations will be heard at a confirmed time and date. Meetings will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the following locations:

- **January 22, 2001** Lethbridge Lodge Hotel, 320 Scenic Drive South
- **January 24, 2001** Airdrie Town & Country Centre, 275 Jensen Drive
- **January 26, 2001** Red Deer Black Knight Inn, 2929 - 50 Avenue
- **January 29, 2001** Vermilion Lakeland College, 5707 - 47 Avenue West
- **January 31, 2001** Barrhead Neighbourhood Inn, Hwy 33 & 61 Avenue
- **February 2, 2001** Grande Prairie Travelodge Trumpeter Motor Inn, 12102 - 100 Street

To schedule a presentation to the committee, please call Louise Starling at (403) 340-5306. (Toll-free access is available by first dialing 310-0000)

Written submissions will also be accepted. They can be e-mailed, faxed or mailed to the Committee Chairman:

Albert Klapstein, MLA
Chairman, The Sustainable Management of the
Livestock Industry in Alberta Committee
513 Legislature Building, 10800 - 97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6
Phone: (780) 415-0989 (Toll-free access is available by first dialing 310-0000)
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The deadline for written submissions is January 15, 2001.

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UGG operations momentum continues to build

UGG announced that its fiscal 2001 first quarter operating results and cash flow grow significantly from fiscal 2000, led by strong results from the Company's Livestock Services and Crop Production Services groups. The seasonal net loss of \$5.2 million for the period was on par with the same quarter in the previous year, due to the impact of higher depreciation and interest expense.

"Month by month, we're building positive momentum in our operating performance," said Brian Hayward, UGG's CEO. "It's taken time - too much time - but the agricultural market has turned the corner and business conditions are improving."

Crop Production Services for the first quarter were strong, led by fertilizer. Farmers appear to be positioning to avoid price increases that are expected in 2001, due to recent firmness in natural gas markets. As a result of strong sales, gross profit for Crop Production Services more than doubled. The seasonal operating loss (EBIT) was cut by \$2.6 million, to \$5.7 million.

Livestock Services sales continued to build, with feed sales up 8% relative to the first quarter of fiscal 2000. Gross profit grew 19% to \$8.3 million, and EBIT rose 38% from \$1.8 million to \$2.5 million. The Company has also begun to reap benefits from its investment in hog production partnerships, through the Puratone group. In early November, UGG announced that it had reached agreement to acquire the assets of Pro Form Feeds, of Abbotsford, British Columbia. It is expected that this acquisition will increase UGG feed sales by over 35%.

Grain Handling results were lower, due to the impacts of policy turmoil within the industry. Despite the fact that UGG shipping volumes were steady to higher (through country and terminal plants,

respectively), EBIT fell. The Canadian Wheat Board has unilaterally imposed non-commercial grain transportation operating policies upon the entire industry - which have had the effect of reducing UGG's operational effectiveness. Grain Handling EBIT fell from \$6 million for the quarter, to \$4.3 million.

Farm Business Communications EBIT fell from earnings of \$202,000 last year to a loss of \$106,000. Reduced advertising revenues - due to what appears to be a lagged impact of weakness in the ag-

for the last twelve months was \$30.1 million; capital expenditures for the quarter were \$6.8 million (\$27.2 million annualized).

During the quarter, UGG announced that it had struck an agreement with Scotiabank - which will involve UGG and the Bank co-operating to introduce new, flexible credit programs for farmers. A key customer benefit of the initial program will be to allow farmers the opportunity to harmonize repayment terms with grain sales and cash flow. This program - when implemented -

will also permanently reduce UGG's requirement for operating debt to finance receivables. Had the program been in place at quarter end, UGG's "leverage ratio" (total net debt to net assets ratio) would have been 41% instead of 48%. UGG expects the arrangement with the Scotiabank to be complete in early 2001 - customers should be able to access the new program for crop inputs purchased next spring.

Prospects for UGG's fiscal year will, in part, hinge upon

agricultural economy, and also due to market turbulence in the aftermath of supplier mergers - lead to a reduction in gross profit and corresponding drop in operating results.

UGG earnings before interest, taxes and depreciation (EBITDA) for the quarter were \$3.6 million - an increase of \$2.2 million from the prior year's first quarter results. Quarterly cash flow of \$2.2 million was the best first quarter performance for UGG since fiscal 1995. For the twelve months ended October 31, 2000, cash flow was \$30.1 million - only 10% below UGG's best performance for a similar 12-month period. The seasonal loss per share for the quarter was 32 cents, compared to 33 cents in fiscal 1999. Cash flow for the quarter improved from \$0.05 per share, to \$0.12 per share.

In its fiscal 2000 Annual Report, UGG said that capital expenditures for the fiscal year would be limited to fiscal year cash flow - to ensure that UGG retains its balance sheet strength. As noted, cash flow

successful resolution of the grain handling and transportation policy discussions currently underway with the Canadian Wheat Board. Notwithstanding this, UGG's initiative with Scotiabank - together with improving momentum in Livestock Services and Crop Production Services sales - provide grounds for optimism that the Company will continue to recover from the impact of the 1999-2000 agribusiness recession.

UGG is one of western Canada's largest agribusiness firms. Founded in 1906, the Winnipeg based Company is diversified into crop input sales and distribution, grain merchandising, livestock production services and farm business communications. UGG is publicly traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange and Winnipeg Stock Exchange under the symbol "UGG." For more information on UGG contact the Company web site at www.ugg.com or www.ugginvestor.com.



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CWB new program for organic farmers

The CWB Board of Directors announced a new program for organic farmers. The program simplifies and lowers the cost of the Producer Direct Sale (PDS), commonly known as the buy-back, by enabling farmers to deal directly with the CWB, rather than completing the transaction through their elevator. Farmers will also be offered credit arrangements that will eliminate the up-front costs of doing a Producer Direct Sale.

"This simplifies the process for organic farmers who want to find their own buyers," said Ken Ritter, Board Chairman.

"By changing the Producer Direct Sale and offering credit arrangements, we're making the process easier and more flexible for farmers. It should also save them some of the additional costs they have to pay the grain companies for administering the program."

The new program follows up on consultations held with farmers earlier in the year, in which organic farmers clearly indicated the Producer Direct Sale was cumbersome and posed problems for cash flow.

By extending credit, farmers will now be treated the same as customers or accredited exporters who purchase from the CWB on credit.

"Organic farmers expressed varied opinions on how to make improvements to the buy-back process," said Ritter.

"The new programs are a compromise because they eliminate some of the concerns about the unnecessary administration involved in undertaking and financing a buy-back, without undermining the principles of pooling and single-desk selling."

Last year, 85 of an estimated 800 certified organic farmers on the Prairies marketed their wheat, durum and barley themselves under the Producer Direct Sale program.

The balance of organic farmers sold their grain through companies that market organic grain.

The credit program for organic farmers will run on a trial basis and be reviewed regularly with users throughout the year. The new programs will be launched early in the new year, along with more detailed information on the process associated with undertaking a Producer Direct Sale. "Our intention is to make it as simple and easy for the farmer as possible," said Ritter.

The CWB is the world's largest farmer-controlled wheat and barley marketer. Headquartered in Winnipeg, Manitoba, it is one of Canada's biggest exporters and the largest net earner of foreign currency.

Marketing Prairie-grown wheat and barley to over 70 countries around the world, the CWB returns all sales revenue, less the costs of marketing, to farmers in Western Canada.

ACC sets policy for 2001

Cattle producer delegates from across the province debated 73 policy resolutions at the Alberta Cattle Commission (ACC) 26th annual general meeting (AGM) in Calgary, December 4-6.

Greg Conn of Innisfail was elected as the new ACC chairman while Arno Doerksen of Gem is the new vice-chairman. Cec Jardine of Valleyview was chosen as finance chairman. As well, several new board members and committee chairmen were elected.

Some of the key policy decisions were:

- The ACC will lobby for government reinvestment in beef industry development funds.
- The ACC will consider establishing a cattle feeder council to address feeding sector issues.
- The ACC will work with livestock commodity groups, municipalities, and the provincial government to establish regulations for intensive livestock operations.

- The ACC will request that cattle be included in the Net Income Stabilization Account program retroactive to January 1, 2000.

- The ACC will request changes be made to the Net Income Stabilization Account program to set aside the three per cent interest bonus for industry research and development projects.

- The ACC will lobby Alberta Environment to more stringently enforce regulations concerning reclamation of seismic holes.

- The ACC will oppose the development of recreational trails throughout agricultural land.

- The ACC will encourage the Alberta government to rescind the Agricultural Dispositions Statutes Amendment Act.

- The ACC will lobby for the right to charge for hunting access on private property.

- The ACC will push for access to more effective Richardson Ground

Squirrel control measures.

- The ACC will continue efforts to enhance the cattle industry's image.

- The ACC will work with the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency to further improve the program.

Other highlights of the AGM included Alving and Ann Kumlin from Calgary, Alberta being recognized as winner of the 2001 Environmental Stewardship Award. Kumlin was se-

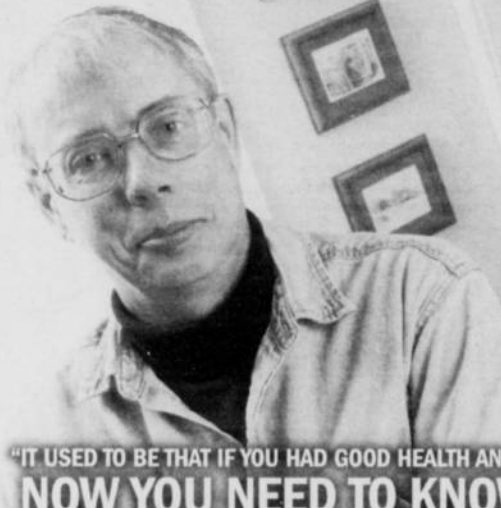
lected because of his commitment to managing the native range, riparian areas and tame forage under his care in a sustainable manner.

Jim Turner of Cochrane was recognized for his work on behalf of the Alberta cattle industry after completing a two-year term as ACC chairman.

A list of AGM resolutions is available from the ACC office, (403) 275-4400.



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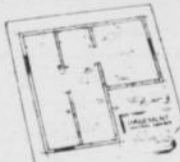
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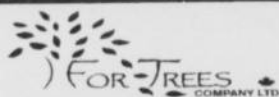
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CWB shows flexibility

The Canadian Wheat Board (CWB) announced that it would delay the implementation of the car awards program as a result of several grain companies refusal to handle farmers' grain.

The car awards program was designed to distribute rail cars to grain companies based on where farmers signed their contract and delivered grain. Members of the Western Grain Elevator Association (WGEA) have indicated they will refuse to load farmers' grain unless the program is based on historical entitlements.

Over the course of the last several months, the CWB has made changes to the program reflecting concerns the WGEA has raised. Despite this, Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, United Grain Growers, James Richardson International, Agricore, Cargill, Parrish and Heimbeker, Paterson Grain, ConAgra, Weyburn Inland Terminal and Louis Dreyfus threatened to go on strike this week if the CWB proceeded with implementation. If the companies followed through on their threats it would result in lost sales opportunities, damage customer relations and make farmer deliveries into the grain elevator system significantly more difficult.

"We designed the car awards program to give farmers some much needed control in the transportation system and still think it is a good, commercial way of awarding rail cars," said CEO Greg Arason. "However, we aren't willing to jeopardize farmers' livelihoods. As a result of the strike threat, we will delay the program to ensure farmers' grain continues to move and customers' orders are filled."

The CWB expects that in delaying this program, the companies will negotiate in good faith from this point forward.

"We will continue working toward a commercial system that serves the interests of farmers," said Arason.

Greg Arason answered media questions on this subject via teleconference at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13.

The CWB is the world's largest farmer-controlled wheat and barley marketer. Headquartered in Winnipeg, Manitoba, it is one of Canada's biggest exporters and the largest net earner of foreign currency. Marketing Prairie-grown wheat and barley to over 70 countries around the world, the CWB returns all sales revenue, less the costs of marketing, to farmers in Western Canada.

Top air quality ratings continue

Air quality was rated *Good* - the highest rating - 98% of the time at all Alberta Environment monitoring stations during the period of July to September. This rating is based on the Alberta Index of the Quality of the Air (IQUA). *Good* is the Index's highest rating, and means there are no known harmful effects to human or environmental health.

Fair air quality was reported the remainder of the time (less than 2% of the time) at Environment stations. *Fair* air quality means that there is adequate protection against harmful effects. *Poor* and *Very Poor* air quality did not occur at these stations from July to September.

"Alberta's air quality standards and guidelines are some of the toughest in North America. Our policies and practices seek to protect the environment and minimize pollution," stated Minister of Environment, Halvar Jonson.

The frequency of *Good* air quality at departmental monitoring stations was slightly higher than

the 10-year average in the third quarter of 2000.

The IQUA is calculated at the Edmonton (three locations), Calgary (three locations), Red Deer and Fort Saskatchewan stations. The department also operates a monitoring station at Beaverlodge (35 km west-northwest of Grande Prairie).

Air quality parameters used to calculate the index ratings are carbon monoxide, dust and smoke, nitrogen dioxide, ozone and sulphur dioxide.

Air pollutants emitted by automobiles showed lower values in the third quarter of 2000 than in the previous 10 years. Carbon monoxide concentrations were 12-42% lower than the average from 1990 to 1999.

Only one air quality parameter exceeded Alberta's air quality guidelines in the third quarter of 2000. Hydrogen sulphide exceeded the one-hour, odour-based guideline on rare occasions. Hydrogen sulphide levels higher than the one-hour guideline in East Edmonton were caused by emissions

from petroleum storage tanks and petroleum transport vehicles. Emissions from a nearby sewage treatment facility were the cause of several instances when hydrogen

sulphide levels exceeded guidelines at the Calgary East station. Increased traffic volumes may also have contributed to higher than normal dust and smoke levels in Calgary.

A new tool

Alberta cattle producers now have another tool to help them manage their farms and ranches in an environmentally sustainable manner. *Cattle Wintering Sites - Managing for Good Stewardship* is a new publication providing practical advice on evaluating and managing cattle wintering sites.

A wintering site is the area where cattle are fed during the winter months. Manure can build up in these areas requiring proper management to ensure surface and ground water is protected during spring runoff.

Cattle Wintering Sites gives producers information about identifying and managing potential problems with wintering sites. Factors such as precipitation, slope, drainage, ground cover, water supply, feeding and bedding strategies are reviewed. The focus is on common sense and practical solutions that are effective and economical for cattle producers.

The publication acknowledges that every wintering site is unique and that beneficial management practices will differ from site to site. The intent of the booklet to help producers find the strategies that work in their individual situations.

Cattle Wintering Sites was developed in partnership with the Alberta Cattle Commission, Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural development and the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration and is available free of charge to all Alberta cattle producers through any of the partner organizations.

December 2000 water supply

In November, precipitation was much below-normal to below-normal throughout the province with an exception of the Lethbridge and Medicine Hat areas. As a result, mountain snowpack is below-average for this time of the year. Since the beginning of April, southern Alberta continues to be extremely dry as a result of a lack of precipitation. Current predictions from Environment Canada are for above-normal precipitation for southeastern areas of the province this winter (December to February), while NOAA is predicting normal precipitation across the province.

Water storage as of December 1, in the major irrigation and hydroelectric reservoirs in the Bow, Red Deer and North Saskatchewan River basins is normal for this

time of the season. The exceptions are: Lake Abraham, which is above-normal and Spray Lake and Travers Reservoir, which are below-normal.

In the Oldman River basin, reservoirs are below-normal except for Kehoe Lake, Lake McGregor, Lake Newell, and Crawling Valley Reservoir, which are normal.

The Water Supply Outlook report will continue to be published monthly but will focus on the upcoming water year 2000-2001. Until February, the report will provide mid to long-term water supply forecasts and report on reservoir storage conditions, snow accumulation, and precipitation. The report is being published to continue monitoring the extremely dry conditions in southern Alberta.

Important Information for all Canadians about responsible firearm ownership

An update on licensing

The law requires that firearm owners be licensed by January 1, 2001.

1.7 million Canadians have already complied with the licensing requirements of the *Firearms Act*.

And recently, Canadians have sent in their firearms licence applications in record numbers. To meet this overwhelming demand, temporary licences are now being issued to eligible firearm owners.

Public safety remains the cornerstone of the firearms program.

For example, temporary licences are only being issued to those who are successfully screened against Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) databases. And, like current licence holders, those with temporary firearms licences will be continuously screened against police databases. Firearms licences will be issued only to those found eligible after further screening.

These public safety checks conform to the *Firearms Act* and keep firearms away from those who should not have them.

Temporary licences will be issued to eligible firearm owners who applied in the fall. Temporary licence holders are not permitted to acquire firearms. However, they will be in legal possession of their firearms and they will be able to purchase ammunition as of January 1, 2001. Temporary licences are only valid until June 30, 2001 or until those eligible receive their 5-year licence.

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TransAlta Power declares cash distribution

TransAlta Power, L.P. declared a fourth quarter cash distribution of \$0.20 per unit, bringing the total annual distribution to the target of \$0.70 per unit. This compares to \$0.23 in the fourth quarter of 1999, with the decrease due primarily to the commencement of repayment of the long-term debt on the Windsor plant. Over the life of the plant, this will reduce interest costs and increase cash available for distribution. The distribution will be paid on January 31 to unitholders of record at the close of business on December 31.

"We are pleased to have met our 2000 cash distribution forecast," says Ian Bourne, president and director. "By using improvements in operating efficiencies to offset the rising costs of natural gas supply and transportation, we were able to hit our target of \$0.70 per unit for the year."

In November, TransAlta Power announced that it had entered into agreements to protect unitholders from upward pressures on gas costs. The partnership entered into a fixed-for-floating gas swap agreement to set the price of natural gas supplied to the Ottawa and Mississauga plants for a five-year period starting December 1. The partnership also entered into swap arrangements to fix transportation costs for the Ottawa and Mississauga plants for the November 2002 to 2007 period. As a result of these arrangements, cash distributions are expected to be \$0.70 per unit in 2001 and during the period of the agreements.

Cash distributions for the quarters ending December and March are higher than those for June and September due to seasonal variations in operating income from the power plants. Cash distributions to date have been fully tax-deferred and will continue to be so at least through 2003. As a result, unitholders are not required to pay income tax on these distributions in the year of receipt.

TransAlta Power, L.P. indirectly owns a 49.99 per cent interest in three Ontario cogeneration facilities. TransAlta owns the remaining 50.01 per cent interest and is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the plants. The Mississauga, Ottawa and Windsor plants have a total generating capacity of 250 megawatts of electric power. Electricity from the plants is sold to Ontario Electricity Financial Corporation (formerly Ontario Hydro) under long-term contracts, steam and other thermal energy produced is supplied to manufacturing plants and other facilities.

EUB approves standing offer

The Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (the Board) issued *Decision 2000-76*, approving ESBI Alberta Ltd.'s (EAL) Location Based Credits (LBC) Standing Offer (SO) process, which encourages the construction of electricity generation in specific areas of Alberta through ongoing incentive payments in an open competitive process.

The LBC SO process will result in the construction of a total of 350 MW in three areas of Alberta. These areas include 200 MW of generation in southern Alberta (100 MW on stream by 2002/2003 and 100 MW by 2004/2005), 100 MW in the Grande Prairie area for 2002/2003, and 50 MW in the Lloydminster area for 2002/2003.

This generation procurement is the second stage of proposed solutions to relieve transmission constraints for the next five years, and increase transmission reliability through additional generation. The first stage was the previously approved IBOC generation of 281 MW (*Decision 2000-47*) in July 2000.

Following the selection of the winning bids by EAL and the subsequent approval of financial terms by the Board, the facilities would then require site-specific environmental approval from Alberta Environment and facilities approvals from the EUB. The 350 MW of additional supply will also provide some assistance in meeting the growing demand for electricity in Alberta. EAL is the Alberta electric industry's independent Transmission Administrator that administers the province-wide interconnected electric transmission system.

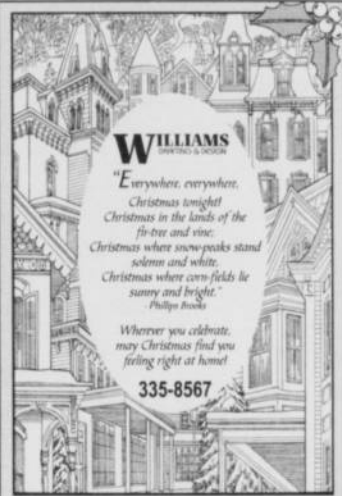


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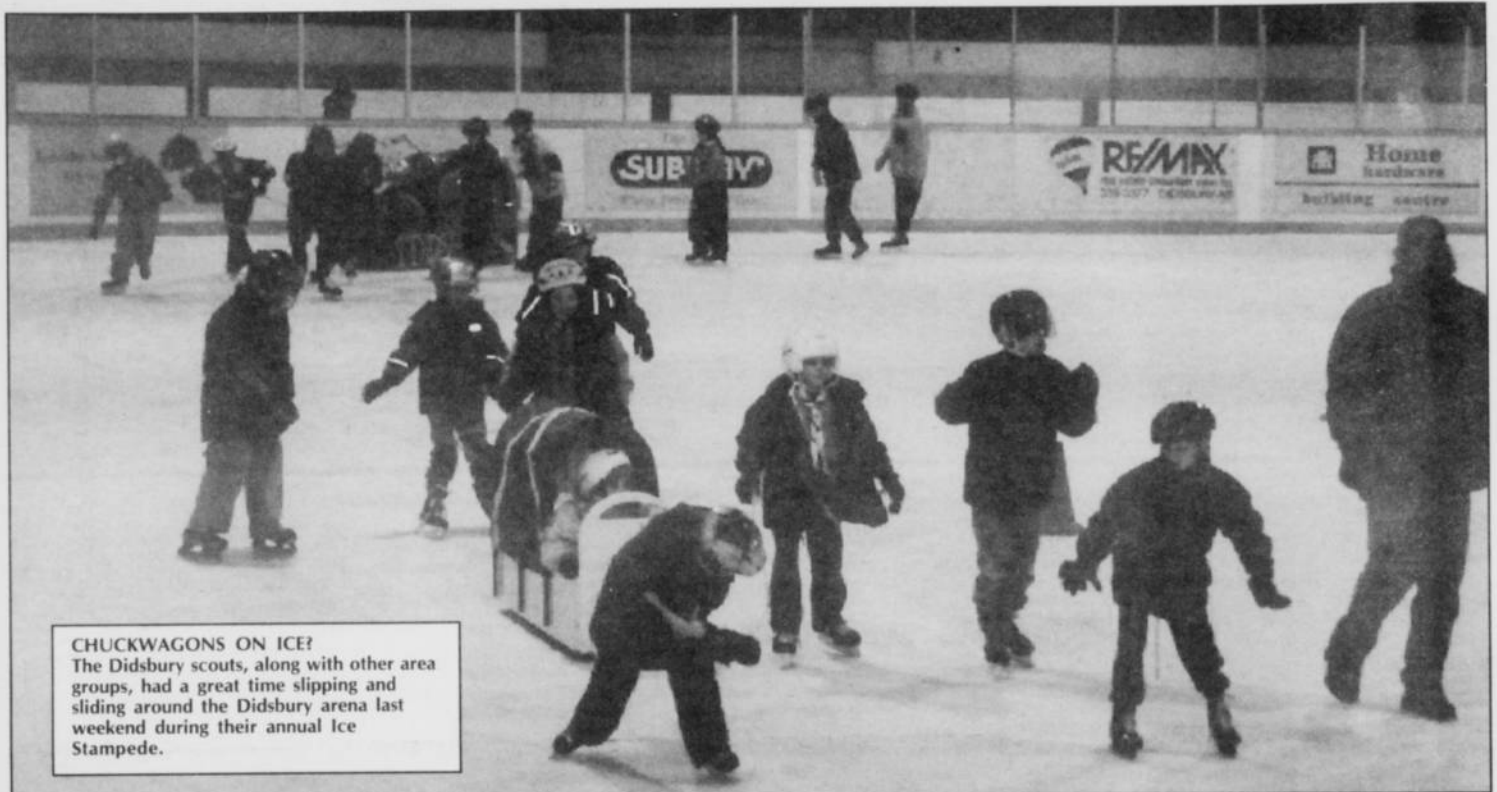
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CHUCKWAGONS ON ICE?

The Didsbury scouts, along with other area groups, had a great time slipping and sliding around the Didsbury arena last weekend during their annual Ice Stampede.

O'Neill finishes third at NFR, Bell places seventh

by Barry Williams

Water Valley rough stock competitors were riding high at the National Finals Rodeo held in Las Vegas, Nevada from December 1 to 10.

Saddle bronc rider Glen O'Neill, the 2000 CPRA Canadian champion won \$53,628 at the NFR to finish with \$145,727 in season earnings to place third in the Jack Daniels world standings, his highest placing since joining the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association in 1995, the year he was named the PRCA Rookie of the Year. It was a comeback performance for the amiable cowboy as he missed the 1999 NFR performance because of a leg injury suffered at the 1999 Canadian Finals Rodeo prior to the riding of the NFR.

O'Neill was a model of consistency as he conquered eight mounts out of ten tucking prize money into his Wrangler jeans in six of the rounds. His best round was in the fifth go-round as he earned a 1/2 split with an 85 score earning \$11,756. In the fifth and sixth go-rounds he spurred out identical scores of 82 earning \$6,778 for 2/3 split on his sixth mount and \$3,671 for a 4/5 split in the fifth opening of the chutes. In the final tenth round he spurred out an 87 for

a 2/3 split and earned \$9,108.

His lowest prize money at the rodeo was \$706 for a tenth place finish in the eighth round.

Meanwhile, Bell the 1999-2000 CPRA Canadian bull riding champion finished seventh in the NFR average winning \$38,335. Riding in his second consecutive NFR Bell flirted with the top of the world standings for a while as he earned over \$20,000 in rounds two and three with a score of 83 in the second round for a second place finish and a 1/2/3 split in the third round with an 85 mark. Bell qualified for the NFR in ninth place and with total seasonal earnings of \$101,843 finished seventh in the Jack Daniels world standings.

Before heading to the desert for the NFR, the cowboys participated in the first rodeo of the CPRA 2001 rodeo season in Regina, Saskatchewan, at the Canadian Western Agribition rodeo held from November 22 to 26.

O'Neill won \$2,673 for a score of 83 for second place, while Bell failed to place in the bull riding. Olds bareback rider, Bill Boyd marked an 81 for a 6/7/8 split and earnings of \$777.

Big Valley's Kelly Armstrong placed fourth in

the bull riding collecting \$1,851 with an 86 score while Innisfail's Cheryl Daines was the fastest gal around the barrels with a time of 13.8 seconds and \$3,279 in winnings.

Picks for the BCHL all-star teams

League-leading scorer Milan Gajic of the Burnaby Bulldogs was the only unanimous choice on the British Columbia Hockey League all-star teams announced this week.

Gajic will lead the Coastal Conference team in the January 17 game in Quesnel.

A maximum five players will represent the league-leading Penticton Panthers on the Interior Conference team.

Gajic, 19, has a league-leading 30 goals and 67 points in 32 games. Defenceman Dale Lupul was the other Bulldog voted to the Coastal Conference team by conference general managers and coaches.

Four players each from the South Surrey Eagles and Nanaimo Clippers, three each from the Langley Hornets and Chilliwack Chiefs, two from the Victoria Salsa, one each from the Powell River Kings and Cowichan Valley Capitals were also chosen to the Coastal team.

Defenceman Nathan Oystreich, forwards Ryan Trsek,

Ryan Finnerty and Anthony Adams will represent South Surrey.

Goalie Dave Leneveu, defenceman Tyson Teplitsky, forwards Chris Tarr and Pierre Paquet are the Clippers selected.

Goalie John Decaro, forwards Justin Aikins and Justin Ossachuk are the Hornets chosen.

Defenceman Brandon Janes, forwards Kevin Estrada and Gabe Gauthier are the Chiefs picked.

Forward Brian McCormack and defenceman Trevor McCall are the Victoria players chosen. Forward Randall Smisko was voted to the team from Powell River and defenceman Brendan Hutchinson will represent Cowichan Valley.

Goalie Ken Ritson, defenceman Duncan Keith, forwards T. J. Caig, Rigel Shaw and Rory McMahon are the Panthers selected.

Four players from the Prince George Spruce Kings, three each from the Trail Smoke Eaters,

uled at various rodeo arenas in the United States.

The next major rodeo in Canada is Rodeo Royal scheduled for Calgary in March 2001.

Vernon Vipers and Quesnel Millionaires, and two from the Merritt Centennials were also chosen on the Interior team.

Defenceman Rennes Rommelaere, forwards John Morlang, Bill Collins and John Hopson are the Spruce Kings picked.

Defenceman Jeff Mushulak, forwards Phil Schmidt and Wes Reid will represent Trail.

Goalie Jason Montgomery, defenceman Mike Kirby and forward Kevin Nelson are the Millionaires selected.

Defenceman Brad Farynuk, forwards Jason Williamson and Barclay Folk are the Vipers chosen.

Defenceman Troy Johnston and forward Mike Ouellette are the Centennials picked.

Burnaby's Rick Hillier is the head coach of the Coastal team.

Penticton's Bryant Perrier is the head coach of the Interior team. The complete rosters can be viewed on the BCHL directory page on the CJAHL web site, at www.cjahll.com.

Grizzlys committed to the system

by Barry Williams

Commitment comes within the heart of a hockey player.

After having a rough month in Alberta Junior Hockey League action during November, with a record of 8 wins and 4 losses, Olds Grizzlys players have become re-committed to the system, keeping the play simple.

This commitment coupled with a balanced offensive attack and improved defensive play has fostered a four game winning streak, which started on Nov. 29 with a 9-2 road victory over the Crownsnest Pass Timberwolves followed with a 4-1 win against the Camrose Kodiaks on December 2 in Olds.

On Tuesday, December 5 before 400 cheering fans at the Olds Sportsplex, the Grizzlys went eagle hunting as they devoured the Bow Valley Eagles 8-1, while on Wednesday, December 6, the Grizzlys trekked northward into a thunder storm and stuck the Drayton Valley Thunder 3-2.

Against the Eagles, the Grizzlys received a solid effort from every player as all four lines contributed to the scoreboard.

"Everyone claims we are a one line team, but I tend to differ with them," said head coach Brett Cox, indicating he is not surprised all lines are contributing offensively.

After holding a 2-0 lead at the conclusion of the first period, the Grizzlys expanded it to 4-1 heading into the second intermission and replied with four unanswered goals in the final stanza.

"Our goal in the third pe-

riod was to keep the game simple by dumping the puck into their end every chance we had and then not allowing them the opportunity to bring the puck out by bottling them up," said Cox, indicating by doing this the Eagles scoring opportunities were limited to just to three chances.

"It's tough to sell players on defence first, but it does create offensive opportunities," added Cox, noting the players are buying into this system of play.

For the Grizzlys, Tyler Brosz and Jared Mudryk blinked the red light twice, while Ryan Huddy, Morod Rodmacher, Bruce Mulherin and Devin Afonso added singletons.

Netminder John Haggis, the game's third star, gave the Grizzlys the opportunity to win by making several of his 20 brilliant saves early in the game when it was still on the line. Meanwhile, Travis Lambert made 37 saves in the Eagles net.

In Drayton Valley, the Thunder surprised the Grizzlys by playing hard and fast right from the opening face off and it took the Grizzlys time to adjust to the Thunder's game plan.

The teams were deadlocked at a goal apiece after twenty minutes of play and the Grizzlys held a 3-2 lead at the start of the third.

As the game progressed, the Grizzlys became stronger and started to control their share of the encounter.

"I thought the third period was the best we have played all season at protecting a lead,"

indicated Cox.

"The players were committed to keep the lead and stuck to a very simple game plan," Cox noted.

Bruce Mulherin and Jared Mudryk struck for power play goals with Ryan Huddy adding the other marker.

With Kris Tebbis injured, the Grizzlys acquired the serv-

ices of Baron Bradley from the Calgary Canucks and pressed him into action right away.

Baron Bradley turned aside 25 shots, while his counterpart Kevin Schieve made 39 saves.

"I thought Bradley played an excellent game especially since it was his first with us," added Cox.

Until the rosters are frozen on January 10, 2001 Cox intends to keep three goalies, Tebbis, Haggis and Bradley around.

"If we continue to be committed to a simple game plan and play within our limitations, we should have a very successful second half to the season," concluded Cox.

Christmas fun at the Complex

Skating, swimming, sliding, day camps, and shinny. All in one place, all for the entertainment and enjoyment of Didsbury and area residents and anyone else who needs something to do!

Recreation & Facility Services has put together a holiday schedule that provides lots of opportunity for lots of fun and a chance to keep the kids and the entire family happy (though it's the kids that need to be kept busy for two weeks!).

If your preference is skating, there's lots of it. The main ice and the leisure ice will accommodate your skating needs. If your preference is shinny - well, you can get lots of that in too! Bring your swimming stuff along when you come to the Complex - take the blades off and put the swimming suit on. The waterslide will be running, the hot tub is hot, and the pool is maintaining a balmy 85 degrees. The aquatic center is offering Christmas Fun day camps for ages 6 - 11 and pre-registration is required. Swimming, crafts, and other fun activities have been planned

as part of these camps.

A swimming schedule can be found in this newspaper and an arena schedule can be picked up at the Complex. For

holiday fun and entertainment look no further than your local recreation facility - look to the Didsbury Memorial Complex aquatic center and arena.

Pee Wee "A" carving up the ice

What an excellent hockey game to watch guys!

With all the teams realigned and Cochrane now part of the league, they came to Didsbury for a 12:30 p.m. game on Saturday.

The two teams were very well matched and provided top hockey entertainment.

Didsbury just about skated away with a win, when they were ahead 7-6 late into the third period. With only a minute and a half remaining, Cochrane tied it up 7 to 7.

The clock ticking away faster than we all thought it should, the score at the buzzer remained a tie. Wow, we all enjoyed that!

The Pee Wee "A" league now consists of Didsbury, Cochrane, Okotoks, Canmore, Crossfield, Strathmore and Drumheller.

Next game time is 7:00 p.m. in Crossfield on Saturday, Dec. 23rd.

Merry Christmas!

Mountain View Colts Profiles Chris Overwater, #20



Age: 18
Position: Centre
Height: 5' 11"
Weight: 140 lbs
Shoots: Left
Last team on: Mustangs
Number of years played: 3
What's the best thing about playing hockey: Scoring goals.
Favorite NHL team: Toronto Maple Leafs

Mountain View Colts Profiles Matt Wright, #2



Age: 18
Position: Defence
Height: 5' 11"
Weight: 190 lbs
Shoots: Right
Last team on: Carstairs AA Midget
Years played: 10
What's the best thing about playing hockey: The competitive spirit and friendships.
Future goals: Go to SAIT and become instrument tech.
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How to stay in the game this year: Facts about the flu

Did you know that the flu is a cold that's grown up? Symptoms of the common cold - the dry, scratchy sore throat, cough, running and plugged nose - combine with a high fever, muscle aches and headaches to produce what we all dread: the flu. There are no known cures for the flu, but there are effective ways of managing the symptoms while the illness runs its course. Keep yourself comfortable, get lots of rest and drink plenty of fluids - especially hot drinks with lemon and honey. Chat with your pharmacist to determine what treatments may work best for you - remember your wellness is important to them.

Non-medicinal treatments:

For a congested or runny nose, *breathing in steam will clear nasal passages temporarily, and mom's favourite - chicken soup - really does help to combat congestion.*

Gargling with salt water (one teaspoon of salt in a glass of warm water) may relieve a sore throat. Sucking a hard candy or lozenge and breathing steam moistens a dry throat.

Increasing your fluid intake helps to decrease the thickness of the mucus in your chest (phlegm), making it easier to clear your throat and easing a cough. A humidifier will also loosen chest congestion.

To lower a fever, stay in a cool environment and remove excess clothing or take a lukewarm bath. Drinking fluids will replace what is lost through sweating.

Medicinal treatments:

There are numerous "over the counter" or non-prescription medications on the market for relieving cold and flu symptoms. Women who are pregnant or breastfeeding should consult

their doctor or pharmacist before taking any non-prescription cold or flu products.

Nasal sprays and drops can be used to clear a stuffed nose and may contain xylometazoline, oxymetazoline, and naphazoline. Side effects may include nasal stinging, increased heart rate and nervousness. Nasal sprays and drops should not be used for longer than 3 - 5 days; extended use may result in the swelling of the lining of the nasal passages and more congestion than prior to treatment.

Oral decongestants can be used instead of nasal sprays, as some people do not like nasal sprays or drops. Effects from oral decongestants are not evident for approximately 30 minutes while they are absorbed into your system. Pseudoephedrine, phenylpropanolamine and phenylephrine may cause increased blood pressure or heart rate, insomnia and nervousness. *Antihistamines* are effective against allergies and hayfever, but may not provide relief from cold and flu symptoms.

Pain relievers such as ASA, ibuprofen and acetaminophen may be used for aches, pains and fever. Acetaminophen should not be used for those with liver disease or anyone who consumes large amounts of alcohol; prolonged use may produce kidney damage. Ibuprofen and ASA may cause upset stomach, stomach ulcers, gastrointestinal bleeding, increased blood pressure and heart or kidney failure. Children under the age of 16 should never be given ASA.

Expectorants such as guaifenesin are recommended for coughs producing phlegm. In rare cases, vomiting and nausea and vomiting may occur. For a dry cough, a cough

suppressant such as dextromethorphan can help you get a good night's sleep. Cough suppressants should not be used alone for a productive cough, as they may decrease the ability to clear phlegm in the chest.

Combination products which will treat more than one cold or flu symptom are also available, but are more expensive than single ingredient products and may increase the chance of an adverse reaction. Ask your pharmacist for the most appropriate product that contains the ingredients for your symptoms.

Complementary or natural treatments:

The popular *Vitamin C* has been used for years, but there is no definite answer as to whether it prevents colds. 1,000 to 6,000 mgs per day may reduce the severity and durations of colds.

Echinacea is an herb that has been proven useful in treating colds, although studies are still being conducted. There are no known side effects, but it may impact the immune system and should not be used for more than 14 days at a time or by those with immune disorders such as HIV, multiple sclerosis and tuberculosis.

Zinc gluconate lozenges taken every two hours may decrease symptoms and shorten the duration of a cold. If taken on an empty stomach, they may cause nausea.

When treating a child with a cold or the flu, non-drug measures should be employed first. Acetaminophen can relieve fever and muscle aches; children should never be given ASA as it is associated with Reye's Syndrome. Your pharmacist can also show you how to use a bulb syringe to clear nasal passages and topical decongest-

ants to relieve congestion and will assist you in choosing the safest product for your child if an oral medication is needed. You should contact your doctor if your child has a fever above 39°C (102°F), has difficulty breathing, has an earache, is lethargic, or goes for more than a day without eating or drinking.

Both colds and the flu are caused by viruses - antibiotics cannot cure or relieve the flu. The viruses are generally spread by coughing, sneezing and touching. Wash your hands frequently and avoid crowded areas to reduce your chances of getting or spreading a cold or the flu. Cold weather, drafts and going outside with wet hair do not increase the chance of getting a cold. Yearly flu shots are effective in 80% of cases in prevent-

ing the virus. If the shot does not protect you completely, it will make the illness less severe. High risk individuals include those 65 years of age or over, anyone with a heart or lung conditions, HIV or anyone with chronic health problems and residents of nursing homes or other health residences. Your doctor, pharmacist, or community health nurse can give you more information about flu shots. Although it is uncommon, pneumonia can develop from a bout of the flu. You should contact your doctor if symptoms persist more than a week, if you have a fever above 39°C (102°F) for more than a day, are short of breath, have chest pain, an earache, a severe sore throat, excessive phlegm or if the phlegm becomes yellow-green.



Colts Hockey

The next home game of the Mountain View Colts will be on Dec. 23 at 8 p.m., when they take on Lacombe at the Didsbury Arena.

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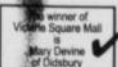
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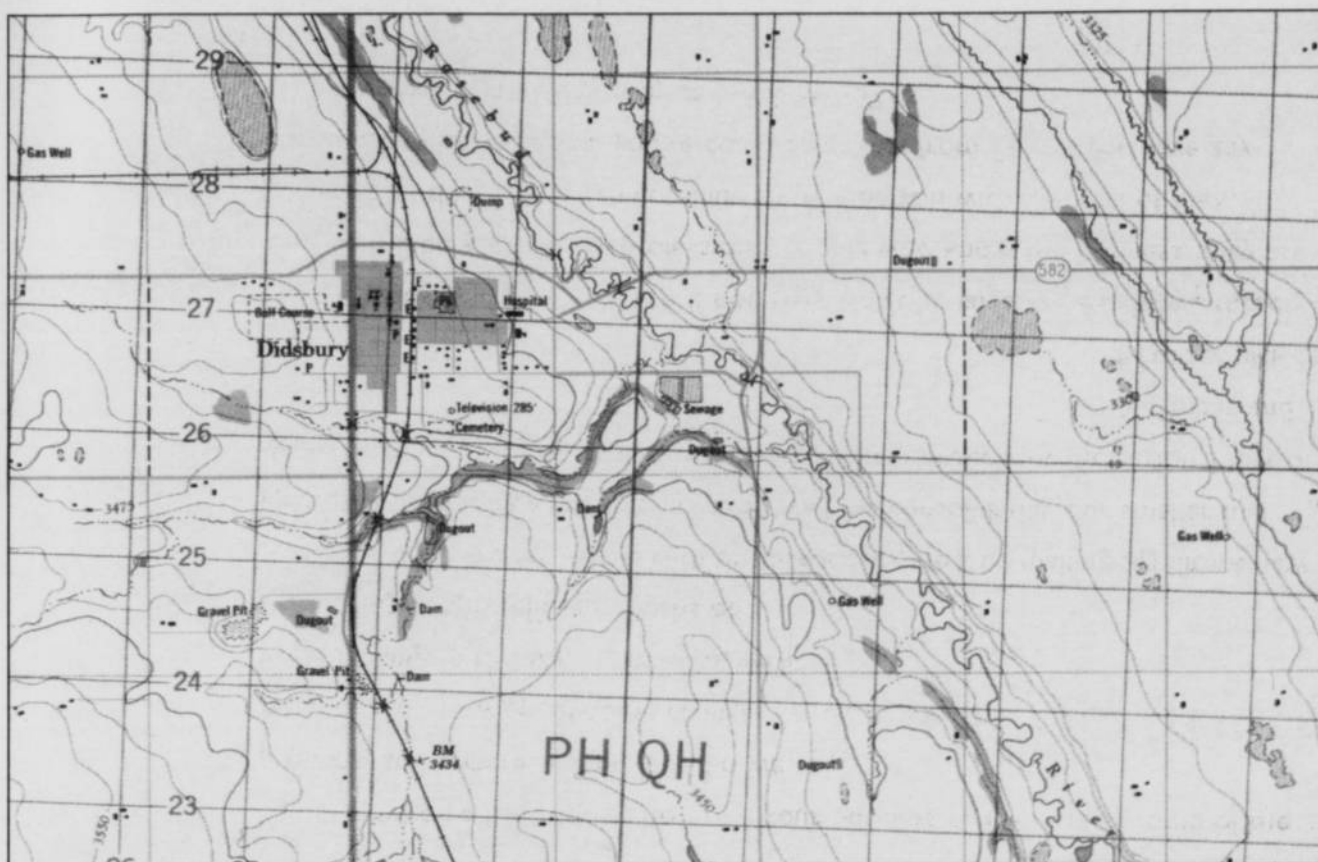
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The best Christmas

By Stan Janzen

Many years ago there lived in a small prairie town a family consisting of a father, mother, two daughters and one son. Times became very hard in those days as the depression hit the area known as the dirty thirties. The father tried his best to put food on the table and clothes on their backs, but work was almost non-existent and wages were very poor as the people hiring could not afford to pay wages.

On this particular Christmas, things were particularly bad. There was very little food; let alone Christmas gifts. But the children in their innocence were looking forward to Santa's coming, making plans as most children of young ages do at that time of year.

This situation was breaking the mother's heart, but she was hoping and praying for a miracle. The father was in the cellar, which in those days was only a dirt excavation under the house to keep vegetables, but this year due to a severe hailstorm, there were no vegetables to put in the cellar. The father thought that something must be done as to not disappoint the children too much so he set out building small toys out of wood.

While Christmas Eve was moving along fast and the children's excitement grew, the mother, tears streaming down her cheeks, could stand it no longer so she gathered the three children around her and began to tell them that Santa Claus as we knew him would not be coming that year but that the Christmas spirit was alive and well, and even with

no gifts and very little food, they had a lot to be thankful for and Christmas would be celebrated in a very low tone way.

While the mother was talking to the children all the while silently praying for a miracle, she began to hear sleigh bells. At first she thought her mind was playing tricks on her but the more she listened, the louder the bells seemed.

Suddenly there was a knock on the door, and a number of voices outside yelled "Merry Christmas!" The mother went to the door only to find a number of Boy Scouts and a few "Y" Girls on the step with a box of goodies they had for their family, and they were delivering them with an old gray horse and a sleigh.

The children were of so excited, and the mother was overwhelmed! After thanking them through choked tears and voice, she opened the box to find a chicken to cook; (a small one, but to the small boy it looked like a large turkey!), some oranges, nuts, candy and a small gift for each of the children. The small boy was overjoyed with the small wooden wagon painted red with yellow wheels and a small piece of peanut brittle inside.

The small boy turned to his mother and said; "There is so a Santa Claus," and his mother knew that the Christmas spirit was alive and well, and her prayers had been answered. That Christmas; even with very limited things, was the best Christmas the family every had. How do I know this? I was that boy.



LITTLE REINDEER
The Chinook's Edge School Board was treated to some wonderful music by the Chinook Centre school choir at their meeting last Wednesday.

Light shine in and around town

Power increase...what power increase! After two and a half hours the Didsbury and District Chamber of Commerce crew of four finished driving around and looking at the season's glow. The "crew" included Joelle & Gerard Fournier (For Trees Company), Beverley Pentz (The Tea Cozy & Gift Shoppe), and Myra Dykstra (Ribbons & Bow Gifts). They noted that choosing the most outstanding displays "was very difficult and that there are many wonderful light displays in and around town."

Joelle Fournier related that, "after only being in Didsbury for 13 months, I was in awe of the town spirit that Didsbury holds, whether it be just an

outline of the roof or the all-out Christmas displays and themes."

The best picks for the year 2000 are as follows:

Large Urban Display

Mr. Calvin Dick
AKA Candy Cane Lane!
2510 - 13 Avenue

Small Urban Display

1st: Gingerbread House
Theme

309 Southridge Crescent
2nd: Vern & Shelley
Wilshusen

70 Southridge Crescent
3rd: Trevor & Lorraine
Gooding

1401 - 18 Avenue
For the sea of lights that you can see from the outside that are inside!!! Truly spectacular!!!

Large Rural Display

The Meyer and Lynn Residence

South on 23 Avenue to Westcott Road, West on Westcott Road 1 mile, then 3/4 mile South.

Small Rural Display

Roy & Sheri Romanow

North on Highway #2 to the Bergen Road turnoff. Turn EAST and go 1.5 miles. Their's is the second farm on the South side.

Honourable Mentions

Best Townhouse: #17 Princess Petra Place

Best Business Window Display: Spectrum Design

And from the local arborist judge! The Didsbury District Health Services for their Tree of Hope.

Mount View news

By Annie Caush

Hi all! Br-rr-rr - there's no doubt about it, winter is here! It's hard to take after our lovely mild weather. Hope it doesn't last too long. Here at the Lodge everywhere is beautifully decorated for Christmas. Our Auxiliary Ladies came last Tuesday and did their usual super job of transforming our Lodge. After decorating they were guests of the Lodge for dinner, had a short meeting and then the December Birthday Party. We enjoyed singing carols and some special music, and then had birthday cakes donated by Olds Garden Market IGA and Olds Co-op. We also had other Christmas "goodies" the Auxiliary Ladies brought. Thanks all! Those celebrating December birthdays are Susan Harvey, Mildred Fletch, Daisy Richey, Vivian Carlson, Kay Skocdopole, Harry Harper, Bob Gathercole, and Doris Robertson. Happy Birthday all!

One evening last week "Fred Bay and Friends" came for a lovely evening of special music. Thanks so much! We know by our calendar there are more special events planned before Christmas. We will tell you about them next year.

Our Lodge was saddened last week by the death of a Resident - Margaret Hoskins. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family and friends. All of us here at Mount View Lodge wish our readers a memorable Christmas season as you spend time with family and friends. Merry Christmas!

The Holy Land

by Wallace E. Brower

I'm going to the Holy Land,
I'm going to start today.
Make all my preparations now,
For there I'm like to stay.
To walk the paths that Jesus trod,
And view His empty grave,
And see the hill where Jesus died,
My sinful soul to save.

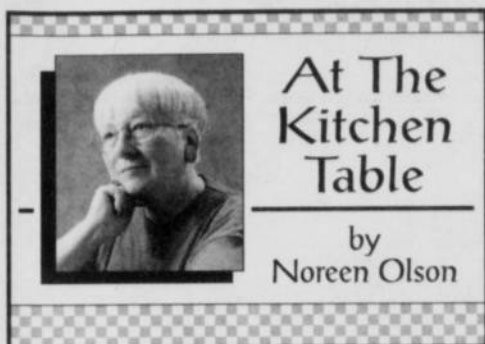
I'm going to the Holy Land,
That once was lush and green.
A land where milk and honey flowed,
No better land was seen.
A land where grapes of Eschol grew,
A land of corn and wine.
Where dwelt the Godless Canaanites,
And also the Philistine.

I'm going to the Holy Land,
That land of Bible Lore.
Where Jesus taught the people,
Upon that distant shore.

Where Jews have gathered once again,
As prophets have foretold.
So I would like to see this land,
Before I grow too old.

But there's another Holy Land,
Way up in heaven above.
Where there's no need of sun or moon,
Where all is peace and love.
I may not see earth's Holy Land,
But this one thing I know,
I'm going to heaven's Holy Land,
For I'm eager and ready to go.

Let's praise the name of Jesus,
The king of that Holy place.
Where all is peace and joy and love,
For the redeemed of every race.
You too, my friend, can come along,
Repent of all your sin.
Then give your life to Jesus Christ,
Than you too can enter in.



At The Kitchen Table

by
Noreen Olson

We bought our Christmas turkey last week. I dug gloomily through the pile of rock hard, slippery, white lumps and found one that looked about the right size for my group. I broke a fingernail of course. I don't think I have ever picked out a turkey without breaking a fingernail. Something about the combination of cold and dead weight with no handles. I looked at the round, fat package and tried to feel festive. There are millions of people, even in North America, who don't have the money to buy a turkey, and many of them would not have a place to cook it if they had one. I should be perfectly thrilled with my turkey and very grateful for the good fortune that it represents but the truth is I pretty well hate the darn bird until it has been in the oven for about 2 hours and starts to smell good. I also fervently dislike dismantling the carcass in order to make soup, but I do it and I boil all the bones and remove every bit of meat and true to my Mother's teachings waste not. If I am being utterly truthful, I like the turkey best of all when it's whitened bones go into the garbage.

The first Christmas observed in Canada was in 1535 and they would have been grateful for a few fat frozen turkeys. Jacques Cartier and his little group of settlers were in a tiny fortress on the banks of the Ste. Croix River (now the St. Charles). They were near the Indian village of Stadacona, which is the present site of Quebec City. They had arrived during the previous summer, by the end of November their ships were frozen in and they were beginning to see that they were in for big trouble. Their insubstantial buildings did not keep out the bitter cold, they had not dug cellars and their supplies were freezing, all the drinkables were frozen and they had to melt snow for water. Salt meat and stale vegetables were all they had and the Indians who had been friendly to begin with now seemed to have changed their attitude. By Christmas time scurvy was beginning to show up among the whites. By Spring all but 10 of the original 110 settlers were near death.

Things did improve. By 1620 in the same settlement and under the leadership of Samuel de Champlain guests ate from squares of birch bark and bowls of polished basswood. Everyone carried their own knife but bark spoons were provided. Great kettles of eels, salmon and beans were all boiled together and served in the wooden bowls. Corn bread was the accompaniment. When the bowls were empty they were filled with a meat soup that had been thickened with pounded nuts. The vegetable course came next it was corn, peas and baked squash and then came the main course, roast venison, squirrel pies, baked pigeons, partridges, blackbirds and owls. Dessert was cakes of maple sugar and a pudding made from ground nuts and sunflower seeds with a sauce of dried berries and boiling water.

Lets move along to 1847 and Fort Edmonton. The food was served from bright tin plates and the menu was as follows. At the head of the table a large dish of boiled buffalo hump and at the foot a whole, boiled, buffalo calf. There were dishes of mouffle (dried moose nose) white fish browned in buffalo marrow, buffalo tongue and beavers tails. There was also a roast wild goose. The center of the table was piled with potatoes, turnips and bread, conveniently placed so that each could help himself. There was no dessert.

The Turkey is an American bird and when America was choosing a National Emblem many people, including Benjamin Franklin, favored the Turkey rather than the Eagle. America exported the turkey to Europe and turkeys reached the United Kingdom in about 1520. It wasn't long before turkeys became the traditional Christmas food and a good thing too, before that a boars head or a fattened goose was the main course for Christmas dinner and if you think a frozen turkey is awkward and heavy how would you like to wrestle through a freezer full of boars head?

I am feeling a lot better about my turkey. Downright grateful in fact. I wish you all a table filled with good food and surrounded by love. Merry Christmas from my Kitchen Table.

SCOUT'S SALE

The Didsbury Scouting groups hosted a successful craft sale on Dec. 9 in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Didsbury Memorial Complex. Vendors had much to offer the customers, including Christmas decorations, toys and food.



Bancroft Women's Institute

The Christmas meeting of the Bancroft Women's Institute was held at the home of Debbie Swanson, December 11.

The hostess' song choice "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas" was followed by the Creed and Flag Salute. Nine members answered the roll call with articles for the Food Bank and four dozen Christmas cookies.

Nine quilts have been finished and will be distributed to needy families. Members expressed their appreciation to Marge Fisher who put together

the lovely patchwork tops and to Jean McCulloch who did the finishing edging.

Due to ill health, Jean Swanson has resigned as club historian. The Executive will go through the archival material and determine what should be sent to the museum and appoint a replacement for Jean. We are pleased to hear that a new Alberta Women's Institute Girls Club has been organized at Innisfail.

Dates were set for the 2001 series of card parties to be held

at Midway School. These dates are: January 12 and 26 and February 9 and 23. The treasurer will again ask Gordon and Betty Marsh to audit the financial statements. The money from the Birthday Box will be sent to the A.W.I. Office Fund.

After exchanging gifts, members packaged 11 boxes of cookies to be sent to various families, Nursing Homes and Lodges.

Next meeting will be held in Didsbury at the home of Joan Patterson, January 8, 1:30 p.m. Visitors welcome!

Olds Koinonia Kindergarten kids recall the fall

During the fall, ECS students from Olds Koinonia Christian School kept a diary of their dynamic School day. The following are just a few of their enthusiastic entries.

Dear Diary, by Taylor Brown: "A man brought a dog to school and the dog's name was Joey. That's a funny name for a dog." . . . "We made butterflies with colors today, but you have to be very careful how the colors get mixed or it will make brown. Mrs. Abel does not like brown butterflies." . . . "Today we did the same thing we do everyday - centres, centres, centres!"

Dear Diary, by Melissa Toth: "I had centres at school. I went to gym and library. Daddy picked me up from school, because I have a new baby sister!" . . . "I had recess and snack. I made a sun that had lots of decorations and stamps on it. Some of the kids cut pumpkins and took out the seeds. I love school and it's my favorite place to go." . . . "Today we saw a real Akita Husky dog for show and tell. We went to the 'big' kids' playground; we also went on a field trip to the eye doctor and to Dairy Queen and had vanilla ice cream with a swirl on top. I had a great day!"

Dear Diary, by Eli Barton: "Today I made sand castles in the sand center. At recess, we played horsey with skipping ropes. I was the

horse, and the driver says, 'Yah!' 'cuz that's what makes the horse go!' . . . Today I mixed flour with other stuff, and other stuff! and other stuff and cooked it, and added blue color, then squished it into playdough.

Then you play with it, and

make anything you want to with it." . . . "Today I banged on nails in the carpentry center. I had to wear safety glasses, and my arms got tired because I banged so much! I got to play the drums in music class, and they sounded almost like thunder!"

Ross Ford Report

by Ashley Nussbaum & Chris Basarab

Things are really piling up at Ross Ford School. We have had many donations for our White Elephant Sale, something Ross Ford Students get very excited about.

The hallways are filled with Christmas decorations and some classes have also decorated their door. In Mrs. Hohenwarter's 1C class we caught them painting Santas and writing Dear Santa letters. In the hallway by the gym there was a reindeer on the wall. Mrs. Hardie's 2A class has mini paper trees making a big tree with her students ideas of what Christmas is all about written on them. Mrs. Eckstrand's 3B class is making Christmas Tree ornaments to decorate their classroom tree. This class also has a singing Christmas tree. Mrs. Brown's 4B class is counting down the days until Christmas using an advent calendar with chocolates. Mrs. Brown's class has also made paper snow globes using cut outs. Every student in 4B has a Christmas activity folder. Ms. Crockery's 2C class made Santas with fluffy cotton beards to decorate their hallway bulletin board.

In the month of December Ross Ford School has seven Carol Sing Assemblies. At these assemblies we all go to the gym to sing Christmas songs. We also have special piano performances by students who know Christmas songs, and at one assembly the United Church Bell Ringers came and played five songs for us. We would like to thank the Bell Ringers for coming and for their wonderful music, we enjoyed it a lot. A special thank you to Miss Christensen for organizing our Carol Sings.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas!

Have and enjoy a safer holiday season this year

With the festive holiday season upon us, we tend to get "wrapped-up" in the hustle and bustle of holiday shopping, decorating, and socializing, and it's easy to overlook the safety of our surroundings.

Now is a good time to remember to practice safety both inside and outside our homes.

CSA International urges you to think twice before climbing ladders to hang decorations, or plugging in decorative lights for the first time this winter season.

A faulty ladder or frayed extension cord could result in an accident that could be avoided if you take precautions.

A wide range of holiday gifts and decorations, such as light strings, are tested and certified by CSA International. Many popular gift items such as hockey helmets, small appliances, home workshop tools, and audio-visual equipment bear the familiar CSA mark.

This tells consumers a product has been tested to meet the requirements of applicable national standards.

Following these simple tips can help you and your family enjoy a safer holiday season:

Deck the Halls Safely - Indoor Safety Tips

- Examine holiday light strings each year. Discard any with frayed cords, cracked lamp holders or loose connections.

- Unplug light strings before replacing bulbs. Check manufacturer's instructions to ensure replacement bulbs match the voltage and wattage of the original bulb.

- Ensure that bulb reflectors are the right size for the light string.

- Look for the CSA mark on light strings, extension cords and electrical decorations.

- Always turn off Christmas lights when you leave the house or when going to bed.

- Store lights and decorations in the original packaging, as it often contains manufacturer's instructions and details for proper use of the product.

Enjoying your Winter Wonderland - Outdoor Safety Tips

- Before working with outdoor wiring, turn off the electricity to the supply outlet and unplug the connection.

- Ensure that light strings, cords, spotlights and floodlights are CSA-certified and marked for outdoor use or wet locations.

- When hanging lights outdoors, keep electrical connectors above ground and out of puddles and snow as well as away from metal eavestroughs.

- Use insulated fasteners rather than metal nails or tacks to hold light strings in place.

- To prevent moisture from entering bulb sockets, turn the bulbs to face the ground if possible.

Whenever possible, people should connect all outdoor lighting into receptacles protected by weatherproof ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI).

A GFCI is intended to provide protection from electric

shock as it senses leakage current to ground and cuts the electrical power immediately.

It should be used in any area where water may come in contact with electrical products.

Three types of GFCI's are designed for home use - circuit breaker, wall receptacle and portable plug-in.

All three are inexpensive, available at many retailers and relatively easy to install.

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ganization supported by 9,000 members and has a network of offices in Canada, the United States and around the world.

Established in 1919, it is a global leader in the field of standards development and the application of these standards through product certification, management systems registration through QMI (a division of CSA International), and information products.

The CSA certification mark appears on many products worldwide.

Christmas fires are no holiday

Candles, Christmas trees and cooking are a few of the things that make the holidays special, but they can also cause fires if they aren't handled properly.

"Fire safety is always a concern, but that concern escalates as we approach the holiday season," says Tom Makey, Alberta's Fire Commissioner. "Our statistics show that there are more fires during the holidays - we want to reverse that trend."

The Fire Commissioner's Office in Alberta Municipal Affairs presents *Holiday Hazards: Wrap Them Up!*, the 2000 holiday fire campaign designed to increase awareness about how to keep your family and home safe from fire.

To enjoy a safe and fire-free holiday season, eliminate the fire hazards in your home by making sure you:

- keep your natural tree standing in water at all times
- keep candles away from Christmas trees, decorations and other combustibles
- check electrical cords and plugs for damage and wear, and do not overload electrical outlets
- turn off Christmas trees and lights before leaving the house or going to bed
- burn only small quantities of dry firewood in your fireplace - no gift wrap or pine boughs

When the holiday season is compared to the rest of the year, statistics from 1995 to 1999 show that fires increased 29 per cent, fire deaths rose 13 per cent, fire injuries went up 37 per cent and property losses increased 40 per cent at holiday time. In this same five-year period, there were a total of 477 holiday-season fires in Alberta. These fires killed six people, injured 81, and caused \$16.8 million in property damage.

REJOICE!

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Manage your time wisely to accomplish more

Do you wish there were more hours in the day? If you're like most people - especially at this time of year - you probably feel like time controls you more than you control it. The real issue, say experts, may not be lack of time, but the way we manage it.

"It's true that things seem to be getting faster and faster in every area of our lives," says Deborah Spencer of Canadian Management Centre (CMC). "Technology has created an expectation that we should be able to do more in less time. We juggle multiple priorities at work, at home, and we're getting stressed out."

According to Spencer, while these multiple priorities are a fact of life, they do not have to become overwhelming. "Most of us typically have a number of short and long term projects on the go at any given time, as well as many miscellaneous tasks we are responsible for on a daily basis," explains Spencer. "But by learning and applying a few specific time management techniques, it is possible to keep balance in our lives and accomplish our goals."

As a national not-for-profit training and development organization, CMC has seen an increased demand for time management courses such as "Techniques for Juggling Numerous Priorities in today's New Workplace," which focuses on goal setting, prioritizing and

managing the stress caused by competing demands on our time at work.

These same time management techniques can be applied to the other areas of our lives as well, says Spencer. To help you make the most of your valuable time, Canadian Management Centre provides the following tips for juggling multiple tasks both in and out of the workplace:

Define the challenge.

Before you can find an effective solution to your time challenges, you must first define what that challenge is. What are your priorities? It's different for everyone - If you are more work/career focused, you will want to spend most of your time and energy on work-related activities and relationships. If you are more home- and family-focused, you will want to direct most of your resources toward building these areas. Or you may be looking for more of a balance between many different areas of your life - home and family, career and other interests. By determining the balance that's right for you, and then taking specific action steps to create that balance, you can significantly reduce the stress in your life.

Keep a time log.

To really get a clear picture of how you spend your time now, you will need to keep a time log. Over a two-week period, keep track of every activ-

ity, large and small, and how much time you are spending on it. Leave nothing out - the less important and routine tasks may not appear to take a lot of time, but collectively can be quite time consuming.

From your time log, can you identify one task you are currently doing that is unnecessary? One that you could delegate to someone else? One that could be done differently or in a more efficient way? One that is routine and could be done less frequently? Calculate the time you could save on each of these tasks.

Notice how often you are interrupted by phone calls and drop-in visitors throughout the day. Could you group and return calls at a designated time instead? Perhaps you can "add" time to your day by organizing the next day's tasks the night before, or starting the day 15 minutes earlier.

Plan your projects.

As the old adage says, if you fail to plan, you plan to fail. With each project you undertake, create a list of sub-goals, and for each of these sub-goals identify the time and resources you will need, building in contingencies for potential delays. Determine how long your project will realistically take, and make sure it fits into your master schedule with the other projects you have. Create a daily and weekly schedule for

getting tasks done, based on your personal work style. For example, if you are most productive early in the morning, schedule creative work for that time, and leave the routine tasks for when your energy is lower.

Manage Procrastination.

Procrastination - the "ability" to put off until tomorrow what could be done today - is one of the most common time wasters. To overcome procrastination, identify your motivation for getting started. You could reward yourself for work-

ing for two hours, or remind yourself what completing this project will mean for you. If the task is not a priority, can you eliminate it from your to-do list altogether? Or try breaking down the task into its component parts, and then committing to just fifteen minutes of initial work. You will probably find that you'll want to keep going after the initial plunge.

Your time is a precious commodity - invest it wisely. You'll work smarter and more creatively, with time to spare for the most important things in your life.

Reps needed

World Heritage, a non-profit student exchange program, is seeking local representatives to provide high school students from several countries including Germany, France, Mexico, Japan, and Brazil with local program support.

Community Representatives plan an annual orientation, meet with the local high schools, provide support counselling for participants, screen potential host families, and contact the exchange students on a monthly basis. Representatives also attend an annual training meeting and report to the regional co-ordinator. The ideal candidate should enjoy fostering new international friendships, be community minded, and enjoy working with teenagers. Community Representatives spend an average of one hour a week with the exchange students, and general expenses are reimbursed by the organization.

World Heritage is in the process of adding new representatives to their existing team. If you would like to join this growing number and become involved in one of the most rewarding experiences, please call Angela at (705) 745-4147 or 1-800-888-9040.

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Richard Marz, MLA
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Learning to laugh in the face of illness

This spring, 20 people with schizophrenia, bipolar disorder (manic depressive illness), panic attack and anxiety disorder took up a challenge that most people would avoid when they learned how to deliver stand-up comedy.

In the process they gained confidence, speaking and presentation skills, and developed a wide, warm network of friends.

The Alberta Mental Health Board sponsored this pilot project, called "Mad to Mirth" which concluded with a performance at Yuk Yuk's, a comedy club in Calgary.

The project was a success. "One gentleman who had difficulty putting two sentences together wound up being master of ceremonies for our show at Yuk Yuk's," says Ella Beasley, who works with the Alberta Mental Health Board's Assertive Community Treatment Team.

The Assertive Community Treatment Team helps patients with a severe and persistent mental illness.

This group of clients often have difficulties keeping medical appointments and following their medication programs.

For 13 weeks, these people gathered to learn how to deliver stand-up comedy.

They gained new skills and

began to see their own situation from a humorous perspective - providing some sense of closure for issues that are often outside of their control.

"We knew we needed to look outside the traditional medical box," Beasley explains.

"We needed to provide a form of therapy that would be fun, that would give people a sense of purpose. We needed to normalize things too - and take away the stigma."

"These people very likely don't have a peer group, don't have a sense of community," she says.

"But with this program people are really looking at them as a person rather than a patient, and looking at their strengths."

Components of the 13-week course included how to be comfortable in front of an audience, how to lead up to a joke, how to handle hecklers, and deliver a punch line.

"The clients were really funny too."

Think about public speaking, it is a real skill - their ability and performance tells me that we did what we set out to do," says Beasley.

"As individuals they've been very supportive of one another; that's been an added bonus."

This program was delivered in cooperation with The Mus-



TOY TIME

Representatives of the Didsbury Elks (l-r: Tom Natyshen, Don Neal, Bill Ward and Dave Smith) were on hand at the Didsbury Hospital last Monday to present toys for the younger patients. Nurses Mari Carr and Debbie Christensen gladly accepted the offerings.

tard Seed and The CHEERS project. CHEERS, which stands for Communication and Humour, Effective Exercises in Relating to Self and Society, has taught more than 700 people how to deliver laughter since 1995.

CHEERS founder Derek Wilken (who has bi-polar disorder) and Melanie Burnell coordinated and delivered the workshops.

The Mustard Seed is a non-profit organization whose

founder, Pat Nixon, used to live on the streets.

It's a multi-purpose group that provides food, shelter, and other services to Calgary's homeless population.

The Alberta Mental Health Board works to preserve and restore mental health and to prevent mental illness whenever possible.

Mental health services are free of charge to consumers and are provided through 70 community clinics, a

telepsychiatry service, four specialized hospitals and partnerships with 200 funded agencies.

The Board also works closely with Regional Health authorities and physicians throughout the province.

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I want spinach for Casper.
I hope you have a Merry
Christmas

**Your Friend,
Love Evan Tippe**

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a scooter
Please bring me an angel. I have
been a good girl.

**Your Friend,
Alexis**

Dear Santa,

I would really Like a
dalmAtion for christmAs. I will
leave you some cookies und
milk. You're cute.

**Your Friend,
Niko-Jack**

Dear Santa,

Please brin me a dog for
Christmas. Please can I hoVe a
cat?

Please can I haVe an angel?
Can I have a remote Watch?
**Your Friend,
Kaitlin**

Dear Santa,

I Want anything but I Want
Love. I Will leave cookies for
you and carrots for your rein-
deer.

Your Friend, Ben Jr

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a dog for
Christmas.

I will take it for walks.

I will feed it.

**Your Friend,
Joel**

Dear Santa,

Will you give me a Barbie?
Will you give me a doll?
Will you give me a cat?
Will you give me a candy
cane?

**Your Friend,
Ashley**

Dear Santa,

Can You Please bring me a
big doll and a Barbie
Ill leave cookies for you and
carrots for Rudolph.

**Your Friend,
APRIL**

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a remote con-
trol t-Rex.

I Will leave cookies for you
and carrots for your Reindeer.

**Your Friend,
Michael**

Dear Santa,

Can you bring Makeup
mindy?

I'll do my best.
I have been good.

**Your Friend,
Hailey McLean**

Dear Santa,

I would like a scooter. Ill
bring you some cookies and
some carrotsfor Rudolph. the
rednosed reindeer.

Your Friend, Deon

Dear sarta,



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

The Mountain View Christian Women's Club held their annual
Christmas party last Tuesday evening in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Please may I have an angel but

I Love you
Mv SiSter is Kailey
I wrote at at school.
**Your Friend,
Emily**

Dear santa,

can you Please bring me a toy
star? I'll giVe Some reindeer
cookies to you.

**Your Friend,
Justin Jordet**

Dear santa,

I want a scooter
I have tried hard to be good
**Your Friend,
Andrew**

Dear Santa,

I would really like a race car.
I have been good.
**Your Friend,
Noah**

Dear Santa,

Please bring me. a Toy angel.
Santa I Love You.
**Your Friend,
Sam.**

Dear Santa,

Please can I have a train
track?
can I Please have a monster
truck and a motor bike?

I will be good.
**Your Friend,
Kody**

Dear santa,

I would like an airPlane with
seats for my Barbie.
I Will be good girl.
**Your Friend,
LAURA**

Dear Santa,

I want a Tornado Hot wheels.
I have been good. I will leave

some cookies and milk.

**Your Friend,
RyAN**

Dear Santa,

Santa can I please have a
horse and I Want a sea horse for
a pet and Makeup Minsy and
hello Santa.

**Your Friend,
Carly**

Dear santa,

I Want Makeup Minsy.
Makeup Dolly. I love you. I will
be a good girl.

**Your Friend,
CARissa**

Dear Santa,

I would like an orange dinky
car for Christmas. I would also
like wretling guys. I want a big
turkey dinner.

Your Friend, Raymond

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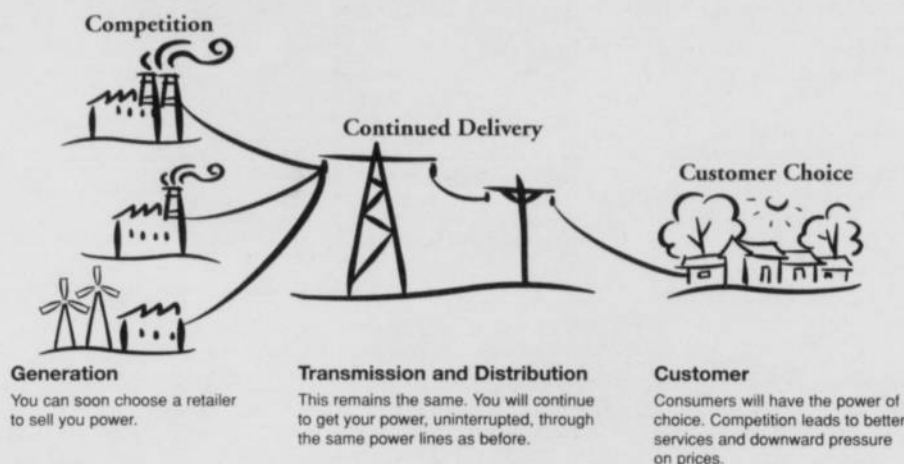
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Alberta's Electricity Industry is changing.
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Why deregulation?

- The old, regulated electricity system was simply too slow, inefficient and costly. Deregulation makes it possible to keep up with our rate of growth and rapid increase in demand for power.
- Deregulation will result in:
 - ✓ downward pressure on prices;
 - ✓ more customer choice;
 - ✓ more competition;
 - ✓ greater innovation and efficiency; and,
 - ✓ new generation coming on board faster, including Green Power.

When will I be able to choose?

- Retailers will be contacting you to offer their electricity services that can start as early as January 1, 2001. But there's no rush to decide.
- Residential and farm consumers have up to 5 years to look over competing offers to see how they might be able to save money. In the meantime, electricity services will continue to be provided by your present supplier at a regulated rate.
- You can choose now or later. Nothing changes until you decide on a retailer.

What about reliability of supply?

- Although the supply and demand balance is tight this winter, it is manageable.
- Alberta's deregulated market is helping to encourage additional new generation, allowing anyone to build new generation capacity, not just the big utility companies.
- Generation capacity has grown 15 % in the last three years. 1400 MW in new generation (enough to light up 1.4 million homes) was developed between 1998 and 2000, with another 1600 MW coming on-line over the next few years.

Why are energy prices going up?

- One of the effects of Alberta's unprecedented period of growth has been record demand for electricity – a demand our slow, inefficient regulated power system would have been unable to meet.
- Increasing demand for power, generator maintenance shutdowns, rising prices for natural gas and the costs of importing power from B.C. and Saskatchewan in peak periods all add to the cost of electricity.
- More and more of Alberta's power is being generated by clean-burning natural gas.

Alberta Power Generation		
POWER	1997	2000
Coal	66%	56%
Natural Gas	23%	35%
Hydro	9%	8%
Other	2%	1%

How is the government helping to offset these high costs?

- Government has acted to prevent any electricity rate rider charges for 2001.
- Government will ensure that the regulated rate option offered to consumers in 2001 is just and reasonable.
- All tax filing Albertans will receive the first of two \$150 cheques from Alberta's Energy Tax Refund program by early December. The second \$150 refund cheque will arrive in April 2001. The refund should help relieve the pressure of higher-than-normal home heating costs, high prices at the gas pumps and other energy expenses.
- Residential electricity consumers will receive a \$20 per month Electricity Auction Rebate in 2001.
- Non-residential consumers will receive an Electricity Auction Rebate over a twelve-month period starting in 2001 based on their monthly consumption of electricity.
- The rules of the Alberta Power Pool have been changed to prevent imported power from setting prices in Alberta.
- Alberta consumers can look forward to downward pressure on prices once the full benefits of deregulation kick-in.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

I am Laruen. Please can I have a teddy bear and please I want a Baby Dafodill, and Please can I have a Stuffed animal.

I hope you haue a good ChriStmas too!
love, Lauren

Dear Santa

Hi! I would please have a Grand Champion Horse. They are black I will set out cookies for you.
love, Stacy

Dear Santa

How do the elf ears go pointy? How do the reindeer fly? I want a jack-in the box please. I want a reindeer please. **Reed**

Dear Santa,

I am Tessa.
Will you bring a Baby Dalmation? How do the Reindeer fly? I hope that you can make it to my house!
love, Tessa

Dear Santa,

Hi! How do the reindeer fly? How are you doing? I would love a Pokemon, Rudolf toy. I will leave you cookies and the reindeer carrots. **love Ashley.Menrd**

Dear Santa,

Hi! I will leave carrots for The reindeer. I like Rudolf. I would like a Barbie for Christmas, Please. **love, Tammy-Fehr**

Dear Santa

Hi!

I Like the reindeer.

I will Leave carrots for Rudolf. I want a monster truck please.

love, michael

Dear Santa,

Hi! How are you? I wonder if you can make it to my house? how you will bring me a Boppit Twist It Pull It! **love megan**
Bye! Bye!

Dear Santa,

How do the reendeer fly? I can set out Cookies for you. Please can I have wonder Dog.
love, Elisabeth

Dear santa

Hi! How are you?
I will have carrots for the reindeers. I would like candy canes and a doll for christmas!
Love SharyN

Dear Snta,

Hi! I want a MonSter truck. can you tell me about the North Pole? How do your reindeer fly
love Jayon

Dear Santa

Hi! I am Katarina. Can you Please Biing me a Baby Daffodil? I hope you have a good Christmas!

How are The reindeei doing?

Love Katarina

Bye!

Dear Santa

Hi! Please can I have a monster truck. I will give you a Present.

love, Nicholas

Dear Santa,

Hi! How are you?

How does the reindeer fly? I have heard that our reindeer has a red nose and I heard that his a red nose and I heard that his name is Rudolf, Please may I have a Rock and Roll guitar love,
Peter.

Dear Santa,

How Do the reindeer fly? I will leave you some milk andD cokies. my Name is Shaneil.

You must know my Name by Now. How old are you? I will leave some carrots for the reinDeer andD I relay would like a Grand Champion Horse andD for my sister a Barney Movie and a Barney talking stuffeD animal.

Locw Shanel.

Dear Santa,

Hi! How are your reendeer? May name is Daniel, You Probably do not Know my name may I have a Game Boy please. may I have Nintendo. **Love Daniel**

Dear Santa,

Hi! How do the reindeer fly? I wont a Pokemon,
love ZACHARY

Dear Santa,

Hi! I will leave carrots for Rudolf. I like the reindeer. I would like a pony for christmas.
Love Jasmin

Dear SANTA

How do the reindeer Fly? I Will leaue you soME milk

and cookies I will leave callots For Rudolf I wuld like a Barbie set Please **love Kim.**

Dear Santa

Hi: How are you? I like your big whiTe beard. I like Rudolfs red, red nose. I like you!

I would like a Poochie and a wov **Love love Breana**

Dear Santa,

Hi! How do the reindeer fly your sleigh? I would like a monster truck for Christmas;
love Travis

Dear Santa

You are my best friend HOHOHO! I would Please like a monster truck for christmas. How does that old sleigh fly
love Ashton

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Dear Santa

Thank you four my bic last yar.

This year I want a ras set. Laine wod LiKe moc Kuntrol pleas. I wod Lic Th wrLd I Wha fod. Howy bo yor randeer fad I luf u santa
CoLby

Dear Santa

Thank you fhr the taK. This year i ples siot a Lagw Diaos. Cod yow ples bereng Matthew a megazor. Cod yow ples breNg food to the poor kids.

How do the rekdeers fly
God Bye from Alex

Dear Santa

Thank you for the Radeow with the Kuset.

and this tim I like a Babey. AND get Mr. D a Hot Well. I Wot you to get the Wrld medsen. hW dow your Rder fly.
I Love You Courtney

Dear Santa

Thank you for The Robot Las yerr. This year I wud liuc a scwtr.

Ples brene Matthw a Howeel. Ples brene Thu wrt klen er. hw dow your redr fly.
I luf yu Santa Laine

Dear Santa

Thank You for the barbe. This year i wont a bate sogide. Cod you brn a scodr for christine.

Cod you brn the Perpepl sam frsh aer. haw do yer rande fli I Love you sata. **Allysha**

Dear Santa

Thank you for The ber. This year I want a pochy

Pes beg simone a negus. I wibib like The wrlb to have mabsh.

Hay bo yor renbr filly. Hey olb are you

I Love you sanata. courtney m

Dear Santa

Thank you four the spyi cite This year I wont a kard, a Spui cit club. I wont Laine to get a

rlr cstr.

I wont the wrld to have Medasin. How uld are you. Haw ulld is criscingll. Haw can you not wak cids I Luv you sata. **Justin**

Dear Santa

Thank you for The Bislietyr This year I want a srak. Ples kan you Bring Ales a monstr truk. I want The wrld to hav midsen.

Hao do uora rande FLie. Do you evr gat a dai iF.

Bie. Matthew

Dear Santa

thank you for the coaet and bisLietyr. I like to gev my frnd a car. I like to gev Mr D a ht wel. I want to get my sef a ht wel.

I wet to get for the world madicin. How do u gt yre traw to

fli. bie Santa. NathaN

Dear Santa

Thank you for the BorBy. This year I wod like a BorBy too. KoD you please Boren KoDy a Hamstr Bene Bag. Please Ken yuo Beren the por por pypl meteson.

How Dos Rudolf Feliy? How are you? I Love Santa
Jessie

Dear Santa

Thank you for the urme set. This year bring me a trayn. Please bring Joey a remintl sneyc.

Please bring the Por PePl mune.

Haw dus robof fli. Haw old our you santa
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Focus on the Family



QUESTION: My husband and I are doing far too much disciplining of our kids. Is there another way to encourage them to cooperate?

DR. DOBSON: The best way to get children to do what you want is to spend time with them before disciplinary problems occur, having fun together and enjoying mutual laughter and activities.

When those moments of love and closeness happen, kids are not as tempted to challenge and test the limits.

Many confrontations can be avoided by building friendships with kids and thereby making them want to cooperate at home. It sure beats anger as a motivator of little ones!

QUESTION: It has always been my understanding that marriage was supposed to be based on unconditional love.

That is, the commitment to each other should be independent of behavior, no matter how offensive or unfaithful. But your concept of accountability seems to be, "I will love you as long as you do what I want."

DR. DOBSON: You've misunderstood my point.

The limitations of language make it very difficult to express this concept adequately, but let me try. I certainly believe in the validity of unconditional love, and in fact, the mutual accountability I have recommended is an expression of that love.

For example, if a husband is behaving in ways that will harm himself, his children and his marriage, then confrontation with him becomes an act of love.

The easiest response by the innocent partner would be to look the other way and pretend she doesn't notice.

But from my perspective, that is tantamount to a parent's refusing to confront a 14-year-old who comes home drunk at 4:00 a.m.

That mother or father has an obligation to create a crisis in response to destructive behavior. Love demands that they do that!

I'm trying to say that unconditional love is not synonymous with permissiveness, passivity, weakness and appeasement.

Sometimes it requires toughness, discipline and accountability.

QUESTION: I'm 22 years old and am still living at home. It's driving me nuts. My folks are in my face every day. They want me to get a full-time job because I only work part time at a gas station. Why can't they get off my case and leave me alone?

DR. DOBSON: With all respect, I think it's time for you to pack. Many young adults like you continue to hang around the house because they don't know what to do next.

That is a recipe for trouble. Your mother and father can't help "parenting" you if you remain under their noses. To them, it seems like only yesterday since you were born. They find it difficult to think of you as an adult. The way you live probably irritates them, too. They may hate your messy room.

They may not like your music. They may go to bed early and arise with the sun; you may keep the same hours as hamsters. Perhaps you drive the family car like you've been to Kamikaze Driving School.

They want you to get a job — go to school — do something. Every day brings a new argument, a new battle. When things deteriorate to that point, it's time to get out.

QUESTION: What would you and your wife do if the resources permitted her to stay at home after the kids were in school?

DR. DOBSON: I don't have to speculate about the answer that question.

Shirley and I did have that option (although we sold and "ate" a Volkswagen initially to make it possible), and she stayed at home as a full-time mom.

Neither she nor I have ever regretted that decision. Now that our kids are grown, we would not trade the time we invested in them for anything on Earth.

Looking back today, we feel it was especially important for Shirley to be at home during our kids' teen years.

Way of Life: The perfect gift

By Josh Munan, Associate Pastor, ZEMC

Picking our Christmas gifts is the season's most nerve-racking ritual. Each year North Americans fork out 50 billion dollars for presents. That is about 75 dollars a person. Five billion of the money is spent on gifts recipients don't appreciate. For example, American Express found that the fruitcake was chosen most often (31%) from a list of "worst" gifts. It even finished ahead of "no gift at all." When asked how to dispose of a bad gift, 30% would hide it in the closet, 21% would return it, and 19% would give it away. This suggests that the fruitcake might get recycled as a gift for the host of a New Year's party.

Why are gifts so hard to give? Gifts are symbols of love. They symbolize what we think and know of each other.

God gave us a gift 2000 years ago, the gift of Jesus Christ. His gift proves that He loves us and knows us well. Isaiah chapter 9, verses 1 to 7, in the Bible, describe how God's gift meets two basic human needs.

His gift meets our need for lights. In Scripture, light is used in connection with a revelation and penetration of God's love into lives darkened by sin. Jesus Christ is our Guide in this darkened and very complex world. God's gift also meets our need for joy. Throughout history people have pursued joy in every way imaginable. Let me describe where joy cannot be found:

- Not in pleasure - Lord Byron lived a life of pleasure if anyone did. He wrote: "The worm, the canker, and grief are mine alone."

- Not in money - Jay Gould, the American millionaire, had plenty of that. When dying, he said: "I suppose I am the most miserable man on earth."

- Not even in military glory - Alexander the Great conquered the known world in his day. Having done so, he wept in his tent, before he said, "There are no more worlds to conquer."

Where then is lasting joy found? The answer is simple, in Jesus Christ alone.

God's gift shows how much He loves and knows us because His gift meets our need for guidance and joy.

A pastor sent his parents a microwave oven one Christmas. Here's how he recalls the experience:

"They were excited that now they, too, could be a parent of the instant generation. When dad unpacked the microwave and plugged it in, literally within seconds, the microwave transformed two smiles into a frown! Even after reading the directions, they couldn't make it work. Two days later, my

mother was playing bridge with a friend and confessed her inability to get that microwave oven even to boil water. 'To get this darn thing to work,' she exclaimed, 'I really don't need better instructions; I just needed my son to come along with the gift to show us how to use it!'"

When God gave His gift of salvation, He didn't send a booklet of complicated instructions for us to figure out; He sent His Son Jesus Christ.

God's gift shows how much He loves and knows us. His gift meets our need for guidance and joy in a complex and often disappointing world.

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Farm & Ranch Curling Bonspiel 2001 ...

The true origin of the sport of curling is lost in time. Certainly the game was nurtured in Scotland, but it was Canadians who turned it into a national winter pastime. The folks in Didsbury have almost turned it into an art form, with curlers from Mountain View County participating in the Didsbury Farm & Ranch Bonspiel next month. The bonspiel runs from Monday, January 8 to Saturday the 13th. Harry Reese, President of the Bonspiel Committee, says this year's curling classic is going to be a lot of fun. "The rinks consist of three farmers, either all men, all ladies, or mixed. Then each team has a businessman added to complete the team." This bonspiel is very popular and last year there were 44 rinks. "The businesses who support the bonspiel can enter a curler," Harry adds. "The sponsorship from the community has been very good. It's them that makes this bonspiel happen." In addition to the curling, there will be lots of other activities to make the week memorable, including 50/50 draws each evening. The committee is planning Friday as a special night for businesses to join the curlers at the rink at 7 p.m. "for something a little special", Harry adds with a smile. There's a banquet on Saturday at the Multipurpose Complex, with prizes awarded just before the dance. Rink slots are filling up quickly, so if you want to enter the Farm & Ranch Bonspiel, you need to get your rinks in today, December 20th. Phone Neil Young at 335-4496 to get your rink registered. Even if you don't want to enter a rink, everyone is invited to watch. "People who are interested are certainly welcome to come and watch," says Harry. "It'll be lots of fun. There's some exceptionally good curling, and some people just play for the fun of it." The first draw is Monday afternoon and the final games are in early afternoon on Saturday.

A Gift of Help

Sometimes circumstances are such that some people find they are going to spend Christmas Day on their own. For those of us who like to be around lots of people on the 25th, Linda Sirr and the Christmas Helpers have the answer for you. "Anyone who is alone at Christmas is welcome to join us at the Elks Hall," she says. A wonderful free traditional meal of turkey and all the trimmings will be held for people in the community at 1 p.m. "They can bring a gift for the annual White Elephant gift exchange too if they want," adds Linda. "We take a number and trade gifts. We play games; it's fun," she says. "There's no excuse for you to spend Christmas Day alone." The Elks have very kindly donated the use of their hall for the dinner and the invitation is extended to all the residents of Didsbury and area. It is a very popular event too and this is the fourth year Linda has been involved. "Last year we served 60 people," Linda says, "and it's really nice to see so many come out." There's lots of room for helping out too if you're interested, and the extra hands are really appreciated. "If someone is free that day and wants to help, just give me a call at 335-2378," she says. "If I have to peel all the potatoes myself, that's okay," she says. "I love it."

Santa's just a Telephone Call Away

I couldn't believe it when I answered my doorbell Sunday night and there he was. Santa Claus. And Mrs. Claus was right beside him! What else could I do but invite them in. It was so exciting. They made themselves right at home and Santa introduced me to the elves who came with him. AJ Elf is the Chief Sleigh Engineer. "I take care of the reindeer," AJ said. "I help them practice their flying and landing. I make sure the sleighs are in good running order and the runners are okay," he said proudly. "It's very important that they work right", he said, "because people don't want holes in their roofs in the winter!" The pretty little elf beside him spoke to Santa. "The reindeer need practice, don't they Santa. It's a long time between Christmas Eves," she said with a smile. Santa introduced me to Paulette Elf, AJ's wife, who has a very important job with the jolly old elf.

"I help Santa watch the children. There's so many children that it's such a big job for one person to figure out who's naughty and nice," she said. "I have to go undercover so no one knows I'm really an elf. I sneak around Didsbury and Cremona and other places and see the children in action." Mrs. Claus wanted me to meet the quiet elf in the corner too. "This is Moonstone Elf," Mrs. Claus said. "She's known locally as Wendy, and she has a very special job." Santa added, "all children want to know how the reindeer can fly and how I can get to all those houses in one night. Well, Moonstone Elf is special because she has moon dust for us. She goes to the moon to collect magic dust to sprinkle on the reindeer so they can fly." Mrs. Claus added, "The moon dust sprinkles also keep Santa warm on the big trip Christmas Eve. Moonstone spends quite a bit of time on the moon," Mrs. Claus says with a smile. I was a little shy about the lady who sat by Mrs. Claus' side. "That's Mrs. Bobbins," Mrs. Claus said. "She's the Chief Seamstress. She travels with us because Santa always splits his pants!" Mrs. Bobbins joined in, shaking her head. "I have to make him a new pair before Christmas Eve. Santa eats a lot of cookies." It's not just boys and girls who hope for something a little special under the tree from Santa. Mrs. Bobbins would really like a new sewing machine. Santa keeps her so busy sewing new pants that her old machine is getting a little worn out. Mrs. Claus is doing her best to help out in that area. "I make sure Santa eats lots of vegetables," she says, "especially broccoli." Santa wrinkled up his nose at that. "Mrs. Claus wants me to grow up and up," he says. Mrs. Claus interrupts with a giggle, "but you keep growing out and out!" I said I was surprised that he had a chance to stop in and see me during this time of year. "Oh yes," said Mrs. Claus, "it's been very busy." Santa added, "this week has been very difficult," he said. "Children want all sorts of fun toys, including things like Poochies and Furbies. Well, they have little electrical bits that we don't make in the North Pole," Santa said. "We had to go to Silicon Valley in California and fetch what we needed." Mrs. Claus added, "You know, Mrs. Bobbins' sister is Mary Poppins, and she called and told us about a gentleman in California, Mr. Disney, and that he was trying to make snow, but it doesn't stay, and so we went down to see if we could help." Paulette Elf added, "She was quite distressed, wasn't she Santa!" They all went to see Mary Poppins and she took them into the mouth of a great big whale where they met Pinocchio. "Mrs. Claus was very scared," said Paulette. "But AJ held my hand," Mrs. Claus added with a sigh of relief. Pinocchio couldn't help them with the snow problem, and neither could Snow White or the Seven Dwarfs. Santa continued, "finally I talked to Mother Nature and asked her for a nice cold wind. She started the wind right away, but she got it cold in Alberta instead of California." Mrs. Claus shook her head. "Mother Nature doesn't listen very well," she said. Santa grinned. "A bit like you, Mrs. Claus." They decided to work with Mother Nature on the California snow problem after Christmas because Santa had to get back to work. "We flew back with a hundred mile per hour head wind," AJ Elf said. "We had a little trouble," he said, "so we landed in Cremona just in time for a concert. The reindeer are in a secret place resting," he added. "We just had enough time to stop off at Didsbury and Water Valley," Mrs. Claus said. "The people in Water Valley and Cremona and Didsbury are so hospitable," she added. "They have wonderful concerts, and Didsbury has a very nice train station. We had a nice meal in that Dragon place," Mrs. Claus added. While I didn't want to put anyone on the spot, I was a little curious as to how old Santa and Mrs. Claus are. "I'm 2,004 years old," Mrs. Claus said. "Oh, you're just a spring chicken," laughed Santa. "I'm over 3,000!" Paulette joined in. "Well, it takes a long time to grow a beard that long." Mrs. Bobbins was a little shy about mentioning her age, but AJ said he was just 22 years old. Paulette added, "All the elves are fairly young. Elves are misunderstood," she said. "They're varying heights, and not all have pointy ears." Then she added with a giggle, "I couldn't hide very well if I had pointy ears!" Santa Claus wanted to remind me about his Telephone Hotline. "Please remind the children to call and leave a message if I'm at a concert or somewhere, and I'll call them back just as soon as I get back. Often on weekends we can talk to the children as soon as they phone." Santa's Hotline phone number is NES-CREW (for Northpole Elf Services Crew). Santa had many more stories to share with me, but wanted me to remind the children of Didsbury to keep being good little boys and girls and remember to enjoy the Christmas spirit all year long. "Oh yes," he added with a twinkle in his eye, "don't forget to set out the cookies!"



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OBITUARIES

JENKINS: Alwyn Denis: On Nov. 15, Denis Jenkins of Edmonton passed away at the age of 86 years. He is survived by his two sons, Gerry (Katherine) and Bill (Donna); five grandchildren, Eric, Ross, Kristine, Michelle and Tim; one great-grandchild, Rose-Eva; sister, Una Noble. He was predeceased by his wife, Marjorie in 1979 and his five brothers. A funeral service was held on Nov. 20 at Howard and McBride Chapel of Chimes in Edmonton, with interment following at the Edmonton Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society, Edmonton and District Unit Office, 1200 College Plaza, 8215 - 112 St., Edmonton, AB, T6G 2C8.



RUDY: Richard (Rick) Allan Rudy, beloved husband of Mrs. Donna Rudy of Crossfield, passed away peacefully at his family's home in Didsbury on Dec. 13, 2000 after a long courageous battle with cancer, at the age of 37 years. Besides his loving wife, Rick is survived by a daughter Alexandra; two brothers Kelvin and Darren; a sister Candace Moon, and his mother Norma. He was predeceased by his father Mervin. Those wishing to pay their respects did so at McInnis and Holloway's Airdrie Funeral Home on Dec. 15. Funeral services were held at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Didsbury on Dec. 16 with Pastor Robert Mohns officiating. Graveside service followed at the Didsbury Cemetery. To e-mail expressions of sympathy: condolences@mcinnisandholloway.com. Subject heading: Rick Rudy. If friends so desire memorial tributes may be made directly to the Children's Wish Foundation of Canada, 106, 223 - 12th Ave. SW, Calgary, AB, T2R 0G9. In living memory of Rick Rudy, a tree will be planted at Fletcher Park, Airdrie, by McInnis and Holloway Funeral Homes "Airdrie Funeral Home."

NELSON: Bruce Andrews Nelson left this world peacefully on Dec. 6, 2000. Bruce was born in Didsbury on April 5, 1931. He was the fifth child of six children born to Erick and Etta Nelson. On Dec. 3, 1952, Bruce married Vera Blain. Together they raised five children, Mary, Ross, Alvin, Glenn (Michele) and Anora. Bruce loved nature and especially loved his time logging. He watched farming over the years go from horses that you fed to tractors that you repair. In his later years, he was often found watching wrestling than inventing a new gadget. Bruce and Ross traveled central Alberta attending auction sales. Bruce was a long time member of the Didsbury Elks. Bruce is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Vera; his children; five grandchildren, Kelly Nelson, Dean Nelson, Connie (Keith) McVittie, Cindy (Chris) Toews, Sandra (Jason) Prevost; great-grandson, Keegan McVittie; sister, Enid of Sundre. Bruce was predeceased by his parents Etta & Erick Nelson, brothers, Dale, Lawrence, Lloyd and Sherrill; sister, Eloise; son-in-law, Larry Moritz; Uncle Carl and nephew, Kevin Krahn. Funeral services were held on Dec. 11 from the Mountain View Funeral Chapel, Olds, with Pastor John Lentz officiating. Interment followed from the Westerdale Cemetery. Memorial tributes may be made directly to the Cerebral Palsy Association.

MEMORIAM

IN MEMORY OF Teddy Ross Nelson, who passed away Dec. 23, 1992. I think of you in silence. If often speak your name, All I have are memories, And a picture in a frame. My heart still aches with sadness, And my silent tears still flow. For what it meant to lose you, No one will ever know. Lovingly remembered and missed by your wife and best friend, Jessie.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF Ted Nelson, who passed away Dec. 23, 1992. Years go by, time moves on But loving memories of you are never gone. We often long to feel your caring touch Or to watch you hold the grand daughter you'd love so much. We hold onto comfort from up above Knowing you're watching over those you love. Loved and always missed by Jayson, Sherri and Taryn.

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As promised, we will not undertake any activities for the rest of December because of the extraordinary stresses on the health care system during the holidays - especially the shortage of nurses and other staff.

THE SHORTAGE OF DOCTORS IS SEVERE.

According to a government / Alberta Medical Association study, Alberta is facing a shortage of more than 1,000 doctors by 2004-05!

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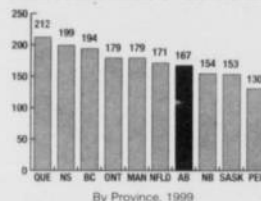


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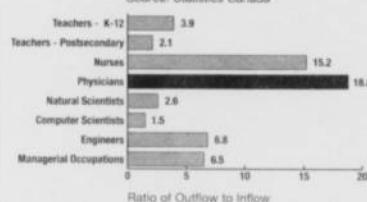
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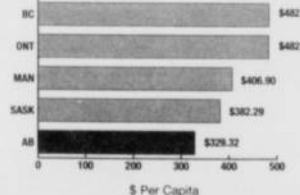
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DOLLARS SPENT ON PHYSICIAN SERVICES, PER CAPITA

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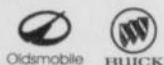
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CARSTAIRS

Christmas Day Dinner

On Dec. 25 from 1-4 p.m. a dinner will be held at the Carstairs Church of God. If you or your family is alone Christmas Day please feel free to come. For more info call 337-3045 any weekday morning.

Christmas Eve Service

Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. is a special time to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas with a candle light service at the Carstairs Church of God. Everyone welcome.

DIDSBURY

Christmas Dinner

Are you spending Christmas alone this year? Why not come join us and bring a friend on Dec. 25 at 1 p.m. at the Elks Hall. Bring a wrapped white elephant gift. Please call 335-2378 or 335-3629 to reserve.

Come to Bethlehem

On Dec. 17 at 6 p.m. everyone is invited to "Come to Bethlehem" and share in the Bergthal Sunday School Christmas Play and Bethlehem Marketplace. Coffee and goodies to follow. On Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held at the Bergthal Mennonite Church. Candybags for children. Everyone welcome. Info at 337-2134.

DIDSBURY

Christmas Concert

Dec. 21, a Christmas concert "Surfin' Santa" will be held at the Midway Community School at 7 p.m. Admission is a toy or food donation for Christmas.

Live Nativity

A live nativity will be held at the Redeemer Lutheran Church on Dec. 21-23 at 7:30 p.m. each night. A Christmas Candlelight Service will be held on Dec. 24 at 7:30 p.m. A Christmas Day service with Holy Communion will be held Dec. 25 at 10:30 a.m.

ONGOING EVENTS

CARSTAIRS

RECYCLING DEPOT

Carstairs Lion's Recycling Depot is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

CARSTAIRS T.O.P.S.

(Take Off Pounds Sensibly) welcomes new members. Meetings 7 p.m. Monday evenings at Carstairs Church of God. For info call Jean 637-3753, Darlene 946-4369 or Natalie 337-2351.

DIDSBURY

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

General Meeting-Second Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. supper, 7 p.m. meeting 335-3265 RSVP

DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 335-4487 or Joanne at 337-2614.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every two months at the Town Office. For info. call Jean at the Town Office at 335-3391

TOY LIBRARY

Kidding Around Parents Club Toy Library: Open Tuesdays and the first and third Saturdays from 10-11:30 a.m., at the Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 - 24 Ave. New members always welcome. Linda at 337-5868.

AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Roxanne at 335-8322 or Rick at 335-9525.

TIME OUT

Mom's Time Out and Dads Too. We meet Monday mornings from 10 to 11:30 a.m. (excluding holidays). Nominal babysitting fee. Redeemer Lutheran Church. Ph. 335-2388

KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Hans Lucas at 337-2250.

O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Kay Johnston at 335-4060.

SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

DIDSBURY

DIDSBURY MUSEUM

Everyone is welcome. We have lots to see, take a look back in history. Donations are always welcome. Admission is \$2/adults and children and members free. The Museum is open on Wed., Thurs. and Fri. from 2-5 p.m. weekly and 2-4 p.m. on Saturdays during July and Aug. We're located at 2118 - 21st Ave. For more info. call 335-9295 during office hours.

RECYCLING DEPOT

Didsbury Lions Recycle Centre open Mon-Fri 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Accepting newspaper, office papers, magazines, junk mail, plastic milk jugs (please clean). Phone 335-8193. Use outside bins.

CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

DIDSBURY PRESCHOOL

A non-profit, social & educational program for children 3-5 years is accepting registrations. Register now for September and save \$10 off registration fee. Call Cherrie at 335-8039.

LIONS

Lions Handi Bus in town service Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Wheelchair accessible Call Lloyd Kenyon at 335-2363.

PRESCHOOL

A non-profit, parent run, social and educational program for children 3-5 years is now accepting on-going registrations. Drop-off rates available. Call 335-8039 or 335-8818.

INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month. Phone 335-8864 or 335-2331 for information and meeting location.

BEAVER'S

Beaver's Monday 7 - 8 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

Just Done For Fun out of school care program runs each school day at Ross Ford. For more information call 335-8168.

HALL WALKING

Adult hallwalking at Westglenn from 6:30-8 a.m. Monday to Thursday. Keep fit this winter.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon meetings for families of alcoholics held every Friday. For more info call 335-3146 or 335-9787.

DIDSBURY

BRIDGE CLUB

Mountain View Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the Masonic Star Hall, 2037-21 Avenue, Didsbury. All bridge players welcome! For more info: 335-8375 or 638-2757.

SUPPORT GROUP

ADD/ADHD Support Group. For parents and families dealing with attention deficit disorder. For more info call Sheree 335-8612.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Tuesday night meetings have been suspended until September, due to the summer break.

HOME HELP ASSOCIATION

The Didsbury and District Association is a locally run non-profit society attempting to co-ordinate volunteer or fee for service assistance. Call 335-4391.

LEARNING DISABILITIES

Learning Disabilities of Alberta, Mtn. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. Meet on last Tuesday of the month in lower level conference room in Physiotherapy Unit of Hospital. For info call Susan at 335-3174.

LONE PINE

T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets every Friday at 9 a.m. at Lone Pine Hall. For information call Doreen at 335-4514.

OLDS

MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Join the Mountain View Presenters (MVP) Toastmasters Club in Olds. Meetings every Tuesday at Olds College, Room 108, at 7 p.m. starting September 9. For further info, call Judy Dahl at 556-7119 or Malissa at 556-8520.

SUPPORT GROUP

Fibromyalgia Support Group 4th Thursday of every month, For time and place, contact Mel Terpstra 335-3527 for info.

SUNDRE

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Wednesdays, 8-9 p.m. in the basement of the Anglican Church. Ron 638-2736.

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Warning! This is it! Winter is just around the corner, with snow and 30-below temperatures this weekend! Don't delay another minute in checking these few simple things so you don't get stranded in the cold:

Plug it in: When you hear it's going to be very cold overnight, use your block heater - plug it in before you go to bed. But make sure it's working first!

Block heater: Check that your block heater, extension cord and electrical outlet are all working, so a short doesn't delay your start. Plug your block heater in and listen for the telltale "hiss," like a kettle boiling. If you can't hear it, take it in to have it checked. Your block heater, or the cord, or the plug, may be broken.

Batteries: Have your battery and the charging system tested. Automotive batteries more than three years old may be too weak to make it through 30-below.

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Belts: If a worn belt snaps you'll be out in the cold.

Tires: Be sure to check your tread for wear and your air pressure regularly.

Keys: Carry a spare door/ignition key separate from your regular key chain.

That way, you won't be locked-out in the cold if you accidentally leave your keys inside a locked vehicle. (AMA recommends you **NOT** leave your vehicle unattended while running. It's simply too easy for thieves to drive away with your wheels. Besides, lengthy idling spews unnecessary pollution into our air.)

Planning: On a cold, snowy morning, you know it's going to take you longer to clean your car, scrape your windows, and get ready to go. Leave yourself extra time before you begin your journey.

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To all of our good friends, have a wonderful holiday.

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